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## Postecoglou, Soper stake claim

Only two positions are in doubt as Frank Arok prepares for the first of three games against Czechoslovakia at Olympic Park on Sunday. The rest of the team will comprise World Cup gladiators of 1985.

Arok said he had yet to decide who would replace Alan Davidson on the right flank, and David Mitchell up front.

"Angie Postecoglou, Ian Gray and Russell Stewart are in contention for Dave's position, although I could move Zarko Odzakovic back there," Arok said.

"But I wouldn't mind a midfield of Odzakovic, Ken Murphy and Peter Raskopoulos.

"John Kosmina will be up front, and I'm looking for a fast player as his partner — someone who sneaks in from left and right and takes on opponents."

Marshall Soper, Frank Farina and Graham Arnold are the leading contenders.

## Going out in style



Joe Watson (pictured) of Sydney Hakoah will run out the Parramatta Park as Soccerroo captain on Sunday week. When he comes off five minutes later, it will be the end of his international career.

"It is our way of saying: 'Thank you, son. You've done a great job for us,'" said Soccerroo coach Frank Arok.

"From now on, we will say goodbye to our great players in style."

"Anyone who has played 40-odd international matches will get that sort of recognition from us."

"Terry Greedy will get it, probably in our game against New Zealand in Sydney later this year."

"And we'll do the same for Steve O'Connor early in 1987."

Watson, 34, has played 44 games for Australia, including 16 full internationals and has scored two goals.

He joined Sydney Hakoah about 12 years ago from Scotland, where he played for Forfar Athletic.

— Laurie Schwab



● Soccerroo coach Frank Arok (left) gives instructions to new squad member Steve Maxwell of Adelaide Juventus. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Arok said he would retain the formation he has used since taking over the Soccerroos — three central defenders and two full-backs or flank players moving up into a five-man midfield.

"As you saw in the World Cup, most teams use that system now," he said.

Arok regards Davidson's absence as temporary. "He will play again when the time is right for him, and he will be in our Olympic Games team," said Arok of the Hellas star who has taken a couple of weeks off after buying a Melbourne restaurant with Hellas team-mate Socrates Nicolaides.

Arok expects the Czechs to play at full pace in order to impress their new coach, Josef Masopust, the former international star who played in the 1962 World Cup final against Brazil.

## The Czech challenge

## McDowall now, Tapai later?

Having finally been granted permanent residency, South Melbourne Hellas star Garry McDowall now aims to win a Soccerroo berth against Czechoslovakia in midfield.

"There are a lot of centre backs in the squad and I think my chances of getting a game are better as a midfielder. Actually, I've played in midfield in a couple of our sessions," said McDowall.

He'd just returned from the morning training session — a two-hour stint — and he was tired.

"It's pretty physical stuff. We have two two-hour sessions each day and we're made to work hard."

"If I don't get a game against Czechoslovakia I won't be too disappointed. I'm just taking this one step at a time and getting into the squad is the first step."

The second step was getting his permanent residency. Next comes his citizenship and, finally, cementing a spot in the Soccerroo starting line-up.

Apart from his well-known playing ability, it is versatility that makes McDowall such a valuable national team member. He's played in defence, midfield and up front since coming to Australia on June 1, 1983 to join Footscray JUST. An \$18,000 transfer fee and goalkeeper Mark Turdula were what South Melbourne Hellas exchanged with JUST for McDowall last year.

JUST, of course, is the pace-setter in the NSL's Southern Division, so does McDowall regret the move?

"Not really. Hellas is a great club. Okay, the season's been a bit of a nightmare so far, but John (Margartitis, Hellas coach) has been very unlucky because he hasn't really had a settled side. Even when Danny Cramlin joined us, John was forced to use Danny in mid-



● Garry McDowall

field one week then up front the next so, overall, we haven't had much chance to settle down."

"When I was at JUST it was a bad side. They simply didn't have the players, but look what they're doing now with the new players in the team — the three Yugoslav imports, Vlado Bozinovski, Ossie Latif and the likes. They've made a hell of a difference."

"But, wee Ernie Tapai's the guy who keeps them going as far as I'm concerned. He's going to be a great player. He always shows for the ball, he's confident and he's a very strong runner. He's very, very important to them. Take him out of the game and it's not the same side."

McDowall has been impressed by the technical standard of his fellow national squad members and the commitment shown during training.

"No-one has outshone anyone else but, to me, the lads have looked very impressive. You see some of these players only once or twice a year but, when they're all together, you realise just how good they are."

## Ice hockey puts soccer on skids

Josef Masopust, who played 63 international matches from 1953 to 1965, is highly critical of his players as he strives to rekindle the spark that once made Czechoslovakia mighty in world soccer.

He faces an uphill struggle in a country where ice hockey is much more popular.

Masopust's predecessor Joe Venglos, who once coached the Soccerroos, complained some years ago: "I do not have any fighters. All the athletic young men play ice hockey."

Soccer is regarded as a pleasant diversion between

ice hockey seasons. The State-run pools provide proof. During summer, when soccer is played, business is slack. As soon as the ice hockey results are used for the pools, the money comes pouring in.

Still, Czechoslovakia has played in two World Cup finals and two Olympic finals, and it has won a European championship — not bad for part-timers.

But, all that is in the past, as far as Masopust is concerned. He has to mould a squad with the right attitude and sufficient ability to qualify for the next World Cup in Italy, and to fare better there than the 1982 Czech team did in Spain.

Explaining the difficulties he faces, Masopust says: "Many of our players lack a really professional attitude towards the game. They are not professionals, of course, so I am not referring to the money they make. What I mean is the way they behave in their private lives, their attitude towards training and how hard they work, both in training and in the games."

"Another difficulty which I frequently encounter is that our players find it too difficult, some quite impossible, to play to orders. Some do try but it is hard for them in a mental way. By and large, the players here still want to just play their natural game. They let their bodies dominate their minds or are not accustomed to thinking about the game and the overall scheme of things while they are actually playing."

"It seems to be too difficult for many of the most gifted players, but I have seen in western European countries — and some in eastern Europe, too — that it can be done."

Masopust says the game is much more physical now than when he was a half-back with Dukla Prague.

"Now we have plenty of



● Josef Masopust

players who are good at fighting for the ball, but the majority are also good at giving the ball away once they have won it. The biggest problem of all is that there is a terrible shortage of intelligent, skilful midfield players — what the Germans refer to as the playmakers."

Physical conditioning also has been below par in Czechoslovakia. "Every team in the 1982 World Cup was well prepared physically — but not the Czech team," he said, in what amounts to a back-hander for the then coach, Venglos.

Masopust says Czechoslovakia does not have players like Ivo Viktor, Anton Ondrus, Karol Dobias and Marian Masny of the 1976 European champion team, but he has high hopes for the following:

● Lubos Kubicki, sweeper of Slavia Prague;

● Karel Kula, midfielder of Banik Ostrava;

● Ivan Hasek, Sparta Prague, a star who can play anywhere, even though he is small and slightly built;

Masopust believes strongly in wing play, so that's what we'll see in the three-match series against the Soccerroos.

"Even if we do not field wingers, we must begin to make much more effective use of the areas on the wings. Any player can operate in that space and we must work in training to see that they do," Masopust said.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

By  
Craig MacKenzie



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### SENIORS

Sunday, August 3: Olympic Park No 1, Melbourne, 3pm

Wednesday, August 6: Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 7.30pm

Sunday, August 10: Parramatta Park, Sydney, 3pm

### YOUTHS

Monday, August 4: King George V Stadium, Hobart, 7.30pm

Wednesday, August 6: Perry Park, Brisbane, 7.30pm

Saturday, August 9: Lake Macquarie Oval, 7.30pm



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Spencer Park SUNDAY 3pm 10/8/86

Youth Game:

Frankston Pines vs Fawkner at 12.45pm



ROD VASQUEZ



JEFF OLVER

**Green Gully vs Heidelberg Alexander**

Green Gully Reserve SUNDAY 3pm 10/8/86

Youth Game:

Green Gully vs Heidelberg at 12.45pm

**George Cross vs Adelaide City**

Chaplin Reserve SUNDAY 3pm 10/8/86

Youth Game

George Cross vs Nunawading City at 12.45pm



STEVE MAXWELL



ANDREW ZINNI

**Brunswick Juventus vs Preston Makedonia**

Olympic Park No. 1 SUNDAY 3pm 10/8/86

Youth Game:

Juventus vs Makedonia at 12.45pm

**Melbourne Croatia vs Sth Melb Hellas**

Olympic Park No. 1 WEDNESDAY 7.30pm 13/8/86

Youth Game:

Melb Croatia vs Hellas at 5.30pm



ANGIE POSTECOGLU



CHARLIE YANKOS

**Adelaide Hellas vs Footscray J.U.S.T.**

Hindmarsh Stadium WEDNESDAY 7.30pm 13/8/86

Youth Game:

Brighton vs Footscray at 12.45 10/8/86

**NORTHERN DIVISION**

 Sydney City vs Canterbury  
 Athletic Field SUNDAY 3pm 3/8/86

 Blacktown City vs Inter Monaro  
 Gabbie Stadium SUNDAY 3pm 3/8/86

 Wollongong City vs Newcastle  
 Wollongong Showgrounds SATURDAY 8pm 9/8/86

 Canberra City vs Canterbury  
 Bruce Stadium SUNDAY 3pm 10/8/86

 Sydney Olympic vs A.P.I.A.  
 St. George Stadium WEDNESDAY 7.30pm 13/8/86

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# ASF Winfield Soccerroos

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# 16 steps to the stars



● Frank Arok's first squad as national coach - in 1983 against England - back row: Arok, Peter van Rijn (masser), Arno Bertogna, Mike O'Shea, David Mitchell, Peter Stone, Terry Greedy, Peter Katholos, Kim Wishart, Mark Jankovics, Tony Boggi (assistant coach), Mike Urukalo (gear steward), Andrew Lederer (team manager), Frank David Ratcliffe, John Kosmina, Steve O'Connor, the late Phil O'Connor, Jim Cant, Joe Watson, Graham Jennings, Alan Davidson, Charlie Yankos, Kenny Murphy.

## Most games, most goals

Soccerroo appearance and goalscoring record:

Total Games	Goals
114 P. Wilson	52 J. Mackay
100 J. Rooney	51 A. Henderson
89 J. Kosmina	50 D. Ratcliffe
88 A. Abonyi	49 M. Barnes
73 M. Schaefer	47 G. Harris
62 J. Warren	46 A. Davidson
61 D. Utjesenovic, A. Alston	44 J. Nyskohus, D. Harding, S. O'Connor, J. Watson
60 R. Richards	43 B. Vojtek, H. Williams, G. Jennings
59 R. Baartz	42 C. Yankos
58 P. Ollerton, C. Bennett	41 J. Tansey
54 G. Byrne	40 K. Murphy

Total Goals	Full internationals
52 J. Mackay	42 J. Kosmina
51 A. Henderson	36 A. Abonyi
50 D. Ratcliffe	21 R. Baartz, G. Cole
49 M. Barnes	20 P. Ollerton
47 G. Harris	
46 A. Davidson	
44 J. Nyskohus, D. Harding, S. O'Connor, J. Watson	
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Late last year the Australian Soccerroos, in two matches against Scotland for the 1986 World Cup challenge, demonstrated the growing international competitiveness of the Australian team.

Those epic matches were supported by the Winfield Company which last week announced a four-year sponsorship package believed to be worth \$2 million.

It involves the sponsorship of all international matches contested in Australia by the Winfield Soccerroos, starting with the Winfield Czechoslovakian challenge to be played in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

Announcing the programme, Australian operations director for the Winfield Company, John Devine, said: "During the next four years, including the 1988 Olympics and 1988/89 World Cup bid, we are confident that the Winfield Soccerroos will achieve recognition as a major Australian sporting team whose achievements will be praised by all Australians".

The Soccerroos' 16-stage programme up to 1989 is:

### 1986

1st Step - Czechoslovakia: August 3 in Melbourne at Olympic Park 3pm.

August 6 in Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium at 8pm.

August 10 in Sydney at Paramatta Stadium at 3pm.

2nd Step - New Zealand: October 25 in New Zealand.

November 2 in Australia.

The venue in Australia has yet to be determined.

3rd Step - The Australian Institute of Sport:

Under the auspice of the national training centre program the team will enter the Australian Institute of Sport after the

games against New Zealand, for one week of intensive training.

### 4th Step - China-Australia Ampol Cup:

Three games will be played in China for the China-Australia Ampol Cup. The team will leave Australia on November 3. Further games are being arranged in either Hong Kong or Japan.

### 1987

#### 5th Step - Pre-Season Tournament:

Involving the USSR national team.

#### 6th Step - Monthly Training Camps:

At the conclusion of Step 5, camps will be held on a monthly basis up to the preparation for the mid-season tournament.

#### 7th Step - 1987 Mid-Season Tournament:

Invitations have been received from various countries and clubs who wish to tour Australia in 1987.

#### 8th Step - Australia/New Zealand:

The second of the regular trans-Tasman challenge series between Australia and New Zealand will be played at the end of the 1987 season.

#### 9th Step - China/Australia Ampol Cup:

It will be Australia's turn to host China for the fourth of the China/Australia Ampol Cup series. Both teams will be preparing for the Olympic Games.

### 1988

#### 10th Step - The Bicentenary Gold Cup Series:

Invitations are currently being issued and contracts being drawn up for a staging of the Bicentenary Gold Cup in late January early February 1988, between former World Cup winners.

#### 11th Step - Olympic Games Elimination Series:

FIFA has determined that Oceania will be formed into two groups. Australia has been drawn in group A with New Guinea, and Taiwan. Group B will be New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa. The winners of the two groups will be joined by the winner of a play-off between the two runners up of each group and Israel. These four teams will then play in the second round of the elimination series in a tournament to be conducted in Oceania. It is Australia's recommendation to Oceania that round 1 and 2 of this series be played in February 1988.

#### 12th Step - Training Camps:

Regular monthly training camps will be conducted after the Olympic elimination series up to participation in the Olympics.

#### 13th Step - Olympic Games or Mid Season International Series:

If Australia does not qualify for the Olympics, a mid-season international series will be conducted.

#### 14th Step - Australia/New Zealand:

The third of the trans-Tasman challenge series, at the end of the 1988 season.

#### 15th Step - Australia/China Ampol Cup:

It will be China's turn to host this series at the end of the 1988 season.

### 1989

#### 16th Step - World Cup Elimination:

The program for 1989 has not been drawn up. It will be necessary for Oceania to determine the venues and method of elimination for the 1990 World Cup. Pre-season and mid-season tournaments, together with the trans-Tasman challenge and the Australia/China Ampol Cup, will all have to be considered.

# Meet the Winfield Soccerroos

These are the men that will face Czechoslovakia in a three-match series starting at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Sunday:

**JEFF OLIVER:** 25, goalkeeper. Heidelberg-Alexander. Elevated to No. 1 status following the retirement from international soccer of Terry Greedy. Has played seven games for Australia, including three internationals. Debut v. Glasgow Rangers (2-4) in the Australia B team in Newcastle, 1984. Played one game for the Australian youth team and was in the squad that went to Paraguay for the final qualifying round of the 1979 World Youth Championship. Joined Heidelberg from Victorian club Albion Rovers, now known as Albion Turk Gucu.

**TONY FRANKEN:** 21, goalkeeper. Canberra City Olympians. Has had a sensation

national season so far. Played seven games for the national youth team and started in the 1983 World Youth Championship finals in Mexico. Senior international debut v. Glasgow Rangers (1-2) for Australia B in Brisbane, 1984. Played in the Merlion Cup in Singapore, 1984. Has made 12 appearances for Australia but yet to play in a full senior international. Also a very good cricketer.

**MIKE GIBSON:** 23, goalkeeper. St. George Budapest. Joined St. George from Penrith City for only \$2500 early this year, after showing exceptional ability in 1985. Has made only one Soccerroo appearance, as a substitute for Yakka Banovic in the Australia B team against China (1-1) in Sydney last year.

**ANGIE POSTECOG-LOU:** 20, full-back. South Melbourne Hellas. Made nine

appearances, and impressed in the finals of the World Youth Championship in the USSR last year. Likely to take the right-back position vacated by Hellas team-mate Alan Davidson who has taken time off after buying a Melbourne restaurant. Postecoglu started with the Hellas under 10s, and captained the Prahran High School team that won the junior and intermediate all-high Victorian championships. Was a midfielder throughout his junior career, played sweeper with the Hellas youth team and switched to full-back when he made his senior debut in 1984.

**GRAHAM JENNINGS:** 26, full-back. Sydney Croatia, transferred from Sydney Olympic this year for \$25,000 - an Australian record fee for a full back. Played as a winger for Newcastle Rosebud and at Olympic before being switched

to full-back by the then coach Tommy Docherty. Played 10 games and scored two goals for the national youth team in 1978-79. England (0-0) in Sydney in 1983. Has played 43 games for Australia, including 18 full internationals.

**IAN GRAY:** 23, full-back or midfielder. Marconi. Joined Marconi from APIA in 1984. Australia debut v. Nottingham Forest (1-1) as substitute for Joe Watson in Adelaide, 1984. On Soccerroo world tour, 1984. Has made 17 appearances, including three full internationals.

**CHARLIE YANKOS:** 25, centre-back, Adelaide Hellas, transferred from Heidelberg-Alexander for \$30,000 early this year, after several first class international series in recent years. Was with Polonia Melbourne as a junior and youth player before joining Heidelberg Soccerroo debut v. England (0-0) in Sydney, 1984. Has played 42 games, including 17 full internationals and scored two goals.

**ROBBIE DUNN:** 26, centre-back, Adelaide Hellas, transferred from Preston-Makedonia for \$21,500 early this year. Before joining Makedonia, he had played for Adelaide Hellas and also in Perth, Scotland, where he captained Hamilton Academicals, to join Footscray JUST in 1983. Soccerroo debut for Australia B v. China (2-0) in Canberra, 1985. Played also in the 1-1 draw with China in Sydney. Being groomed for a permanent place in the team, subject to gaining Australian citizenship. Gaining permanent residency recently.

**GARRY McDOWALL:** 27, centre-back or midfielder. South Melbourne Hellas, came from Scotland, where he captained Hamilton Academicals, to join Footscray JUST in 1983. Soccerroo debut for Australia B v. China (2-0) in Canberra, 1985. Played also in the 1-1 draw with China in Sydney. Being groomed for a permanent place in the team, subject to gaining Australian citizenship. Gaining permanent residency recently.

**TONY DAKOS:** 22, centre-back, Sydney Olympic, first achieved international recognition with the national youth team in the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico. Played five times with the young Soccerroos but has yet to make his senior international debut.

**DAVID RATCLIFFE:** 29, centre-back, St. George Budapest. English-born defender who was with Brisbane City before joining St. George Soccerroo debut v. Thailand (4-0) in 1982 Merlion Cup in Singapore. 50 games, 20 full internationals, three goals.

**ALAN HUNTER:** 22,

centre-back, Heidelberg-Alexander, transferred from Brisbane Lions for \$16,000 this year. Previously with Acacia Ridge, Queensland. Born in Ireland, came here as a boy. Played centre-forward as a junior and youth, hence his fine skill on the ball. Tall, extremely forceful and dangerous near opponents' goal. This is his first appearance in a national representative squad.

**RUSSELL STEWART:** 22, midfielder, Brisbane Lions. Made debut for national youth team against amateur team Iccoo (3-1) in Mexico in 1982, in the lead-up to the Havelange international youth tournament. Played 21 games for the young Soccerroos, including those in the finals of the 1983 World Youth Championship. A player of enormous stamina, this is his first appearance among the senior Soccerroos.

**KEN MURPHY:** 30, midfielder, South Melbourne Hellas, bought by the then Hellas coach Rale Rasic from Melbourne Croatia in early 1983. Played for Dundee in Scotland before coming to Australia to play for the national youth team. Soccerroo debut v. England (0-1) as substitute for Peter Katholos in

Brisbane, 1983. 40 games, 14 full internationals, two goals.

**ZARKO ODZAKOV:** 30, midfielder, Sydney Croatia. Joined Croatia early last year from Preston-Makedonia. Previously played for Vardar Skopje in the Yugoslav First Division. Played a few games as full-back last year, and established an Australian record by netting three goals from that position in an 8-0 World Cup victory over Taiwan in Sydney. Made Soccerroo debut v. Vasco Da Gama (0-1) in Sydney in 1985 and played in the World Cup series 15 games, seven internationals, four goals.

**PETER RASKOPOULOS:** 24, midfielder, Sydney Olympic. Has been around at international level for a long time for a player of his age. Made debut for Australian youth team v. Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia (1-5) in Melbourne in 1978. Played in qualifying rounds for the 1979 WYC, in the 1980 Oceania Cup and 1982 Merlion Cup, both of which Australia won, and in the finals of the 1981 WYC. 20 games and four goals for the Australian youth team. Made senior Soccerroo debut v. New Caledonia

(8-0) in Noumea, 1980. 20 games, five internationals, two goals.

**SERGIO MELTA:** 27, midfielder, Adelaide City Juventus, voted 1984 Australian Player of the Year, toured India with the South Australian state team last year, played junior soccer with Birkella and made senior debut with Adelaide Juventus in 1975 at the age of 15. Trained with Italian Third Division club Treviso in 1981. First selection to a national representative squad.

**PAUL WADE:** 24, midfielder, Brunswick Juventus, transferred from Green Gully in early 1985, and was a major force in the Juventus team that won the 1985 Australian championship. Voted Australian Player of the Year by "Soccer Action" in 1984. Played also for Croydon City, Slavia and Dandenong. Soccerroo debut in trial match v. Tasmania (2-4) in Hobart, 1984. Has made three appearances and scored one goal.

**JOHN KOSMINA:** 29, striker and team captain, Sydney City Hakoah, formerly Adelaide Hellas, Polonia

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## Kulcsar the key man

Libero George Kulcsar holds the key to the fortunes of Australia's youth team in the three-match series against Czechoslovakia which starts next Monday night in Hobart. He is described by coach Les Scheinflug as "a young replica of Oscar Crino."

The talent of Crino was discovered in the 1981 World Youth Cup finals in Australia. He played for the young Soccerroos as libero and developed into a midfield playmaker with the senior national team.

It's clear that the thinking of Scheinflug and senior Soccerroo supreme Frank Arok is different. Very different.

While Arok favours a five-man defensive formation in which his sweeper is lucky to get over the halfway line,

Scheinflug will use a four-man defence with a stopper in front of a libero who must go forward at every possible opportunity.

The Czechs are bringing only 11 youth players, but they'll also use members of their senior squad in the youth side. "They'll make a big difference to their youth team and they'll provide us with top quality opposition," Scheinflug said.

The youth squads:

**Australia**  
GOALKEEPERS: George Bouthousas (Sydney Olympic), David Mower (AIS). DEFENDERS: George Kulcsar (Canberra), Damien Barley (Polonia Adelaide), Alex Cummings (AIS), Kurt Reynolds (AIS), Darren Northam (Blacktown City), Craig Moffit (St. George), MIDFIELDERS: Jason Polak (AIS), John Anas-

tasiadis (Heidelberg), John Markovics (George Cross), Jason van Blerk (AIS), John Koch (AIS), Lou Hristodoulou (Adelaide Hellas). STRIKERS: Alistair Edwards (Kwinana Utd. WA), Scott Ollershaw (St. George), David Schute (Sydney Hakoah), Derek Caisley (Newcastle Rosebud).

**Czechoslovakia**  
GOALKEEPER: Ivan Ondruska (Plastika Nitra). DEFENDERS: Jaroslav Bodnar (ZTS Kosice), Peter Skarabela (Banik Ostrava), Julius Chlipik (Bohemians Praha), Richard Margolius (Sparta Praha), MIDFIELDERS: Alies Foldyna (Dukla Praha), Ivan Mahut (ZVL Zilina), Karel Zarsky (Bohemians Praha). STRIKERS: Frantisek Halas (Plastika Nitra), Marek Trval (Banik Ostrava), Marek Mikus (Plastika Nitra).



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# Jan Fiala was voted Czechs' top player

By PAUL MOON

When Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia united to form Czechoslovakia in 1918, soccer was an obvious choice as national sport, its popularity having been widely spread throughout the three former segments of the old Austro-Hungarian empire and the new country's capital, Prague.

Czech horizons extended abroad and, during the 1920s, links were established with Australia. The illustrious Bohemians club carries a permanent reminder of an early tour Down Under — its now-famous kangaroo crest, adopted after a visit in 1927.

Slavia and Sparta players formed the backbone of the earliest Czech selection to make waves in the international arena. This reached the 1920 Olympic final, only to walk off the field after disputing a goal scored by opponent Belgium and thus forfeit its silver medals.

Memories of that indiscretion were to be exercised by the next generation of Czech players. Frantisek Planicka, Antonin Puc, Frantisek Svoboda, Ol-

drich Nejedly, Josef Ctyroky, Josef Kostalek and Jaroslav Burger had few, if any, contemporary equals. They were at their collective peak during the 1934 World Cup.

After taking a fully deserved 70th-minute lead in the final against Italy, a late, freakish equaliser and a weak referee intimidated by the hostile crowd conspired to deny the Czechs ultimate glory, though they fought doggedly right through to the last minute of extra time.

In Chile in 1962 the Czechs impressively fought their way through to the final, where the brilliant Brazilians awaited them. After their majestic playmaker Josef Masopust had snatched an early goal, the South American superstars fought back tigershly to win 3-



● Jan Fiala

1. Yet it may have been different had the normally excellent goalkeeper Willie Schirof (later to complete his career with Slavia in Melbourne) avoided a Schumacher-like "off day".

Masopust received a consolation in the form of the European Footballer of the Year award.

**Czechoslovakia's squad:**  
**LUDEK MYKOSKO,** 24/16 (Banyk Ostrava): The Czech first-choice goalkeeper for most of the past four years.

**STANISLAV LEVY** 28/15 (Bohemians): A defender who was in Czechoslovakia's Olympic squad before it was disbanded after the Eastern Bloc's boycott of the Los Angeles games.

**JIRI ONDRA** 29/13 (Bohemians): Now established in the Czech squad after an unconvincing start to his international career, he is a skilful, intelligent full back.

**FRANTISEK STRAKA** 28/10 (Sparta Prague): Right back who made his senior international debut against Bulgaria in 1983, after appearances for the Olympic selection.

**JAN FIALA** 30/47 (Dukla Prague): A veteran defender who has made over 300 appearances for his club. He was named Czechoslovakia's Footballer of the Year in 1982 after some impressive performances during the World Cup finals in Spain.

**IVAN HASEK** 22/11 (Sparta Prague): The star of

Czechoslovakia's youth team in the 1983 Coca Cola Cup finals, he was added to the senior squad last September, making his debut against Greece in Athens.

**JOSEF CHOVANEC** 26/11 (Sparta Prague): A graduate from the Czech under-21 selection, he made his senior international debut against Sweden in a World Cup qualifying round encounter last year.

**MIROSLAV SIVA** 24/3 (Red Star Czech): A striker who was brought into the squad after last year's World Cup disappointments to make his senior international debut against East Germany.

**IVO KNOFLICEK** 24/10 (Slavia Prague): The Czech league's leading goalscorer of the 1984-85 season.

**MILAN LUHOVY** 23/9 (Dukla Prague): A consistent goalscorer for his Prague army club, which he joined in 1984 from Slovan Bratislava.

**PETER KOSTELNIK** 22/10 (Dukla Prague):

**JOSEF NOVAK** 30/4 (Dukla Prague), midfielder.

**KAREL KULA** 22/7 (Banik Ostrava), midfielder.

**LUBOS KUBIC** 22/4 (Slavia Prague), midfielder.

**STANISLAV GRIGA** 24/10 (Sparta Prague),

midfielder.

**PETER RADA** 27/8 (Dukla Prague), defender.

**JAN KOCIAN** 27/1 (Dukla B. Bystrica), defender or midfielder.

**TOMAS KRIZ** 27/8 (Dukla Prague), midfielder.



● Czech defender Frantisek Straka in action for Sparta Prague in action against Barcelona's Alexanco (left) in a European Cup game last year.

## They thumped us 5-0!

## Euro champion

Czechoslovakia won the European championship in 1976 by beating West Germany 5-3 on penalties after a 2-2 deadlock in Belgrade.

The Czechs finished third in the 1980 European championship, beating Italy 9-8 on penalties in the third-place play-off.

Teams for those games:

**1976 final:**  
Czechoslovakia: Viktor — Pivarnik, Ondrus, Capkovic, Goegh — Dobias (Vesely), Penenka, Modr — Masny, Svehlik (Jurkemik), Nehoda.

**1980 third-place play-off:**  
Czechoslovakia: Netolicka — Ondrus, Barmos, Vojacek, Goegh — Kozak, Jurkemik, Panenka — Masny, Vizek (Gajdusek), Nehoda.

## Winn not involved

● "Soccer Action" apologises for any inconvenience caused to Steve Winn of Inter Monaro by an article on July 16 which said he was believed to have been on a list, drawn up by former coach Frank Maccarone, of players he claimed had attempted a coup against him. Steve Winn strongly denies any knowledge of conspiratorial action by any players, and stresses he was not involved in any such attempt.



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**Details of Czechoslovakia's previous tour in January-February, 1986:**

**AUSTRALIA 0 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4** (Jurkemik 17th, Vizek 44th, Nehoda 82nd, Kozak 88th) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd 15,686.

**Teams with player ratings** (by Johnny Warren):

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse 7 — Perry 7, Prskalo 7, Henderson 8, Tansek 8, Rooney 8, Coyne 6 (Boyle half time), J. Nysskohus 6th — P. O'Connor 7 (J. Campbell 82nd), Cole 7, Krncevic 7.5, Cumming 6 (Sharne 7, 34th). Coach: Rudi Gutendorf.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Netolicka 8 — Ondrus 9 — Barmos 8, Jurkemik 9, Stambach 8, Gogh (Fiala 8, 57th) — Kozak 8, Panenka 8 (Jarusek 9th), Vizek 9, Nehoda 8, Gajdusek 8 (Masny 8, half time). Coach: Josef Venglos.

**NORTHERN NSW** 3 (Jones 15th & 26th, Senkalski 40th) **CZECHOSLOVAKIA** 5 (Kroupa 35th, Dobias pen 47th, Nehoda 69th, Masny 69th & 90th) at International Sports Centre, Newcastle. Crowd 6208.

**Teams with player ratings** (by Joe Lanzoni):

**NORTHERN NSW:** Dando 8 — Reaney 8, Summerscales 8, Drinkwater 8, Curran 8 — Bertogna 7, Senkalski 7, P. Tredinick 9 — Heys 8, Trent 8 (Ug. McClelland 46th, 7) D. Jones 9. Coach: Alan Vest.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Hruska 7 (in, sub Netolicka 61st) — Dobias 9, Jurkemik 7 (Panenka 8, half time), Vojacek 7, Fiala 8 — Stambach 6 (Vizek 8, half time), Kozak 6 (Nehoda 9, half time) — Kroupa 8, Masny 8, Gajdusek 8 (CZECHOSLOVAKIA 5 (Masny 46th & 65th, Gajdusek 58th, Kroupa 84th, Kozak 89th) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd 14,368.

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse 7 — Perry 7, Henderson 7

(Christopoulos 79th), Prskalo 7, Tansey 5 — Rooney 7 (J. Campbell 86th), Cole 5 (J. Nysskohus 6, 58th), Bertogna 7 — Cumming 5 (P. O'Connor 70th), Krncevic 7, Sharne 7.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Netolicka 8 — Barmos 7, Ondrus 7, Stambach 8 (Vojacek 70th), Gogh 7 — Jurkemik 7 (Fiala 66th), Kozak 9, Panenka 8 — Vizek 7 (Masny 8, half time), Kroupa 8th, Gajdusek 8.

**AUSTRALIA 2 Prskalo pen 9th, Krncevic 55th CZECHOSLOVAKIA 2** (Dobias pen 11th, Nehoda 23rd) at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Crowd 14,280.

**Teams with player ratings** (by Laurie Schwab):

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse 8.5 — Perry 9, Jones (Vzendoorn 9.5, 26th), Prskalo 8, Tansey 8 — Christopoulos 7 (Davidson 7, half time), Coyne 7, Rooney 8 — Sharne 8 (in, Cole 70th), Krncevic 9.5, Cumming 8 (J. Nysskohus 80th).

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Keket 8 — Barmos 7, Ondrus 8, Jurkemik 7 (Vojacek 7, half time), Gogh 7 — Dobias 9 (Stambach 7, half time), Kozak 8.5, Panenka 8 (Gajdusek 7, half time) — Masny 7.5, Nehoda 8, Vizek 7 (Jarusek 62nd).

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2**

(Kosmina 39th, Bozanic 37th)

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4** (Nehoda 69th & 77th, Masny 18th, Kroupa 12th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 8322.

**Teams with player ratings** (by Meno Toutsidis):

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Marshall 8 — B. Nysskohus 8, Jones 7, Maricic 7, Bozanic 7 — Dooey 7, Mella 7, Honeyman 7, Key 6 (Iannace) — Kosmina 8, J. Nysskohus 8. Coach: Edmund Kref.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Keket 8 — Barmos 8 (Gogh), Vojacek 8, Dobias 8, Fiala 7 — Jarusek 7, Gajdusek 7 (Stambach), Panenka 8 (Nehoda) — Kroupa 7, Masny 9, Vizek 8.



● The great Slovan Bratislava team of the early sixties: Willie Schirof later joined Slavia in Melbourne, and Joe Venglos coached Prague in Sydney, and also the soccerers. From left, standing: Schirof, Anton Urban, Ivan Hrdlicka, Jan Popluhar, Venglos, Jozef Obert. Front: Jozef Filo, Zdeno Velecky, Ludovik Cvetler, Karol Joki, Peter Molnar.

## Hellas — JUST beaten 8-2

Top Czech clubs Slovan Bratislava, Inter Bratislava, Sparta Prague and Kosice have toured Australia, playing matches in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.

Sparta Prague beat South Australia 8-2 in Adelaide and Victoria 4-0 in Melbourne in 1967.

Slovan Bratislava beat Victoria 6-1 and 3-0 in 1966 and returned in 1972 when it drew 0-0 with Marconi, beat a Helias-Footsacry JUST composite team 8-2 in Melbourne and also played a series against Cruzeiro of Brazil, drawing 1-1 in Melbourne, losing 0-3 in Sydney and also 0-3 in the decider in Melbourne.

Kosice beat Victoria 5-1 in 1971 and NSW beat Inter Bratislava 3-0 at Wentworth Park in 1970.

Here are details of some of these matches:

**NSW 3 INTER BRATISLAVA 0**, Wentworth Park, Sydney, 1970.  
NSW team: Corry — Keith, Zeman, Wilson, Ackley — Abonyi, McCulloch (Edwards), Randles, Manuel — Baartz, Denton.

**VICTORIA 1 (Clarey) KOSICE 5** (Kobolka, Pivarnik, Jutka, Pollak, Kis) at Olympic Park.

**Victoria:** Reilly (van Egmond) — Della Rocca, Juhász, Olmoski, Williams — Pygal, Mackay, Pyrgolios (Wallace) — Vojtek, Rogers, Buljevic (Clarey).

**Two players —** Ernie Campbell and Ladislav Moder — were sent off in the scoreless draw between Marconi and Slovan Bratislava at the Sydney Showgrounds on January 26, 1972. Moder had come on as a substitute for Slovan captain Karol Joki who had broken his ankle.

**CRUZEIRO 3** (Dirceu 2, Ri-



● Karel Joki — broken ankle against Marconi.

**SLOVAN BRATISLAVA 0** at Olympic Park, 1972.

**Cruzeiro:** Helio — Lauro, Perfumo, Fontana (Neirberto 55th), Vanderley — Piazza, Ze Carlos — Roberto (Rinaldo 70th), Dirceu, Tostao, Repetto (Ribeiro 70th).

**Slovan Vencei** (in, sub Sedulek 13th) — Mutekovic (Gogh 18th), L. Zlochak Hrivnak, J. Slocha — Josef Capkovic, Hrdlicka — Masny, Svehlik (Pekarik 60th), Moder, Jan Capkovic.

**SLOVAN HRATISLAVA 8** (Jan Capkovic 3, Svehlik, Masny, Moder, Haraslin, Jan Zlochak) **HELLAS-JUST COMBINED TEAM 2** (Bourne, Buljevic) at Olympic Park.

**Slovan:** Sedilek — Josef Capkovic (Gogh 75th), Mutekovic, Hrivnak, Jan Zlochak — Medvid (Moder half time), Hrdlicka, Pekarik — Masny, Svehlik (Haraslin), Jan Capkovic.

**Hellas-JUST:** Fode (Vujatovic 72nd) — Zivkovic, Rosca, Lopatic, Bedford — Pyrgolios (Milinov half time), Gorrie, Bourne — Armstrong, Rujevic (Mandalis 17th), Buljevic.



# NSL AIRWAYS

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NSL SOUTHERN DIV

	W	D	L	F	A	P
B'WICK-JUVENTUS	10	4	2	29	9	24
FCRAY JUST	10	4	2	24	18	24
ADEL C. JUVENTUS	7	6	3	24	14	20
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	7	6	3	28	19	20
S MELB. HELLAS	7	4	5	22	14	18
S'hine Geo. Cross	5	8	3	19	15	18
Preston-Makedonia	4	7	5	16	15	15
Adelaide Hellas	5	3	8	16	22	13
Melbourne Croatia	4	4	8	15	24	12
Brisbane Lions	3	4	9	16	22	10
Brisbane City	2	6	8	15	37	10
Green Gully	2	4	10	12	37	8

NSL NORTHERN DIV

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SYDNEY CROATIA	10	3	3	30	12	23
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	8	1	29	18	22
MARCONI	7	6	3	27	16	20
BLACKTOWN	7	4	5	20	23	18
SYD C. HAKOAH	5	7	4	29	21	17
Wollongong	6	5	8	18	17	17
N'castle-Rosebud	5	6	24	25	16	16
St George Budapest	6	4	6	21	25	16
APIA-L'hardi	4	6	6	15	19	14
C'berra-Olympians	3	5	7	16	20	11
C'bury-M'ville	2	5	8	15	27	9
Inter-Monaro	1	5	10	10	33	7

## AMETCO AWARD

Ametco Travel will award to the best player of the NSL a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Leading votegetters

47. Selemidis (H), A. Hunter (H).
44. Slater (B).
43. Estaville (SO).
42. Wade (B. Juve).
39. Bertogna (APIA).
38. Franken (Can).
37. Dobson (Mak), Postecoglou (SMH), Gosling (NR).
36. Wheatley (Mar), Jackson (BL).
35. Lowe (Mar).
34. Stosic (JUST).
32. Mullen (Ad. Juve), Cumming (GC), Baran (APIA).
31. Arnold (S. Cr), Vlietstra (W), Palacios (Can).
30. Fraser (GC), McDowall (SMH).
29. Zvendorn (B. Juve), Crainie (SMH), Butler (APIA).
28. Ingham (NR), Cavanah (NR).
27. Tapa (JUST), Hristodoulou (AH), Flounders (A. Juve), Budini (IM).
26. Nikitovic (JUST), Gojevic (M. Cr.), Melta (A. Juve), E. Campbell (B. Juve), Raskopoulos (SO), Winn (IM), Farina (S. Hak).
25. Gilder (SGC), Honeyman (AH), Hannah (M. Cr), Ollershaw (St. G).
24. Hantzis, Zrilic (CM), Rozic (S. Cr), Giraldo (WL).
23. Maclaren (SGC), Kalantzis (SO).
22. Russell (SMH), Odzakovic (S. Cr), Ogden (BL).
21. McIntosh (M. Cr), Maxwell (B. Juve), Green (W), J. Dunn (C), Kosmina (S. Hak), Liddell (BL).
20. James (SGC), Dunn (AH), Biskic (M. Cr), Knight (B), Sken (St. G), M. Brown (APIA).

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Leading scorers:

12. Kosmina (S. Hak).
11. Arnold (S. Cr)
9. Maxwell (A. Juve).
8. Latif (JUST), R. Brown (Mar), Jones (NR).
7. Hunter (B), Lewis (M. Cr).
6. Cooper (BC), Carroll (B), Giraldo (W), Crainie (SMH), Kalantzis (SO), Lowe (Mar).
5. Richardson (SGC), Spink (JUST), Ward (AH), Wilson (H), Mullen (A. Juve), Egan (SMH), Soper (SO), Thornthwaite (B), Johnston (SGC), Kozka (St. G), Phillips (C).
4. Kenstandopoulos (AH), Selemidis, Lucchesi (H), Biskic (M. Cr), Smith, Lane, Cole (Mak), Estaville (SO), Zrilic (CM), Odzakovic (S. Cr), Rivero (W), Fletcher (St. G), Gomez (S. Hak).

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37. Postecoglou (SMH).
28. Ingham (NR).
27. Tapa (JUST), Hristodoulou (AH).
26. Ollershaw (St. G).
23. Kalantzis (SO).
21. J. Dunn (C).
18. D. Hunter (BL).
16. Spink (JUST), Lamond (S. Cr).
11. Nisicoli (A. Juve).
10. Tobin (A. Juve), Palatsides (B. Juve), Moffitt (St. G).

## NSL DETAILS

### CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Thornthwaite 75th at Arlington Oval, crowd about 300.)

CANTERBURY: Barker 8—Akoutas 7, Swinos 7, Radman 6, Hantzis 6, Zami 7, Godzik 6, Philippou 7, Lico 7—Borges 7, Thamiadis 6 (Fernalis), Coach: Dom Kapetanovic. BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7—Knight 7, Denyer 7, Ainsworth 7, Northam 7—Byrne 9, Kay 8, Sharpe 7, Sandy 7—Slater 8, Thornthwaite 7, Coach: Casey de Bruin.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Douglas (GGI) 5, Vlietstra (BL) 4, Zvendorn (BL) 3, Cumming (GGI) 2, Fraser (GGI) 1, Lewis (BL).

### MONARO 1 (S. Winn 74th) MARCONI 1 (R. Brown 53rd) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 510.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 7—Gagetti 7, Taitas 7, Budini 8, Walsh 8—Wilcox 7, Ambrosio 7, Carbone 8, Djordjevic 7—Brennan 6 (Wotherspoon 73rd), Pennovic 8, Winn 9, Coach: Steve Hostenovic and Harry Williams. MARCONI: James 8—Sterry 7, Mason 7, Henderson 6, Carter 7—Gray 7, Treddinck 8, Wheatley 7—El Ali, 8, Lowe 7, Coach: Les Schaefer.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Steve Winn, 5. Marko Pennovic, 4. John Walsh, 3. Bruce James, 2. El Ali, 1. Rick Budini.

### PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Halford 20th, Stevenson 84th) at Connor Reserve. Crowd 1847.

HELLAS: Traianides 7—Roodhouse 8, Opanaris 7, Dobson 7, McLennan 6—Heys 8, Petrov 6, Illopsi 6 (Van Egmond 6, half time)—Necovski 6, Bloski 7 (73th), Cole 6, Lane 7, Coach: Bill Murray.

HELLAS: Traianides 7—McDowall 8, Russell 7, Anzeakis 7, Blair 7, Murphy 7, Hafford 9, Crainie 9, Stevenson 7, Egan 9, Coach: John Margatits. Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Egan (SMH), 5. Crainie (SMH), 4. Halford (SMH), 3. Egan (SMH), 2. Postecoglou (SMH), 1. Heys (Mak).

### CROATIA 4 (Hunt 48th, Jun 28th, 73rd) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Estaville 37th) at the Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 10,679.

CROATIA: Watson 7—Savor 8, Rozic 7, Kovacic 7, Jennings 8—Razo 8, Odzakovic 8, Arnold 7—Petkovic 8 (Dragicovic 81st), Jun 9, Lamond 7 (63rd Cinch) Coach: Vedran Rozic.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6—Rogers 8, Dakos 6, Coagy 6, Spanoudakis 6 (Patalsi)—Estaville 7, Raskopoulos 7, Phillips 7—Soper 6, Kholos 6 (Johnstone 46th), Kalantzis 6, Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for the Ametco Travel award: 6. Jun (Cr), 5. Petkovic (Cr), 4. Razo (Cr), 3. Savor (Cr), 2. Odzakovic (Cr), 1. Jennings (Cr).

## National Youth League

Victorian Youth League: Juventus 3 Green Gully 1, Heidelberg 3 Brighton 0, Footscray JUST 1, Frankston Pines 0, Fawkner 0 Sunshine Geo. Cross 1, South Melb Hellas 1 Makedonia 0.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	12	2	4	37	26	18
Melb. Hellas	11	3	3	37	26	18
Heidelberg	10	3	4	27	22	15
Melb. Croatia	9	2	3	29	17	20
Wollongong	8	1	7	24	21	15
Norwoodville	8	3	2	20	14	15
Brighton	7	1	7	20	20	15
Makedonia	4	7	4	21	15	15
Green Gully	3	1	2	12	13	8
Footscray JUST	2	1	2	13	21	11
Frankston Pines	2	1	13	15	40	5
Fawkner	0	8	15	7	1	0

NORTHERN DIV: Blacktown City 3 Canterbury-Marrickville 0, Canberra Olympic 2 Newcastle United 1, Adelaide Hellas 1, Sydney Croatia 3, Sydney Hakoah 2, Marconi 1, Inter Monaro 0, Wollongong 5, St George 2, Sydney Croatia 0, Sydney Olympic 0, Sydney Hakoah 2, Apia 0, Points: AIS 29, Blacktown 26, St George 22, Sydney Hakoah 22, Canberra 22, Marconi 21, Apia 17, Sydney Olympic 17, Wollongong 14, Sydney Croatia 8, Newcastle 8, Canterbury 8, Inter Monaro 7.

## It's a tie!

George Cross and St. George Budapest are tied on points in the race for 14th spot in the proposed 1987 14-team NSL. If there is such a tie at the end of the season, one wonders how the NSL will break it.

George Cross and St. George moved up because APIA dropped down the league standings as a result of its loss to Sydney Hakoah.

- 90.8 Syd. Croatia
- 87.5 B'wick Juventus
- 78.9 H'berg-Alexander
- 78.8 Syd. C. Hakoah
- 76.5 Syd. Olympic
- 72.2 Marconi
- 71.0 Sth Melb. Hellas
- 67.8 Adel. C. Juventus
- 65.9 Footscray JUST
- 58.8 Makedonia
- 55.3 Blacktown
- 52.6 Melb. Croatia
- 49.9 Wollongong
- 47.4 George Cross
- 46.3 APIA-L'hardi
- 44.4 Adel Hellas
- 36.7 Newcastle-Rosebud
- 34.4 Brisb. Lions
- 26.6 C'berra-Olympians
- 25.0 Inter Monaro
- 24.9 Brisbane City
- 20.4 Green Gully
- 19.9 C'bury-M'ville

Soccer in the U.S. went downhill steadily during the nine years they played there. He hopes it had nothing to do with him.

Laurie Abrahams, 33, is with Melbourne Croatia now, trying to help the club qualify for the 14-team NSL next season.

He's reluctant to draw comparisons between the ills of Australian soccer and the ills that led to the death in early 1985 of the North American Soccer League (NASL).

But in talking to him about the U.S. experience, similarities are obvious.

First, instability. The NASL was down to five clubs before it was increased rapidly, leading to the addition of six clubs and the relocation of two or three others in the one year, and resulting in a total of 24.

The league expanded very quickly. It got ahead of itself," Abrahams says.

"Soccer in the U.S. had less of a traditional base than it does here."

The league's highly complicated competition of six different divisions of four teams each, split into two conferences, was changed two years later, leaving the fans even more baffled. And matches had to be worked out so they did not clash with baseball fixtures, because the two codes shared the grounds.

The relocation of franchises caused further bafflement. The New England Team, one of six teams for which Abrahams played in the U.S. were shifted one year from the south of Boston to the north, 40 miles away, and lost about 5000 fans per match and shifted back home again the following year. The team then was moved to Jacksonville in Florida.

Private ownership of clubs also contributed to the instability.

"You're subject to the capriciousness of owners whose egos are tied up with the fortunes of their clubs. And when clubs were owned by conglomerates like Warner Brothers or Lipton's Tea, they were answerable to the shareholders who wanted to see profit and loss statements," Abrahams says.

High wages and loan payments to overseas clubs for the use of star players also contributed to US soccer's decline.

Gerry Daley cost the New England Team 25,000 pounds in a loan fee for a period of only four months, not counting the wages he was paid. The vast sums paid by the Cosmos to Pele, Beckenbauer and the like are well documented.

Local talent was not proper-

ly developed due to the education system.

At Melbourne Croatia, Robbie Markovic is a senior player at 19. Diego Maradona was a world star at that age.

Soccer players developed through the American college system are 22 before they finish their education. They then must prove professional experience before they're any good.

Although we've heard much about the NASL's promotions push, it never really was effective, and invariably, they'd be gone before they were ready.

"Sure, they put a lot of money into it, but they were constantly changing direction," he says. "When something that had cost a small fortune didn't work, they'd abandon it and do something else. You have to give things time to work. They didn't get out into the community to build support there. They preferred

to spend millions on newspaper ads."

And soccer in the U.S. never really had the backing of television.

"The ABC had it for two years and they tried to cover it in a major league sort of way, but the sport and TV weren't ready for it. They'd cut away for a commercial, and invariably, they'd be gone before they were ready."

For example, the network said you'd have to play at 2pm in Fort Lauderdale when the temperature was 95 degrees and the humidity so high that it was impossible to put on a decent spectacle."

Soccer got a lot more press in the U.S. than it gets in Australia, but that didn't help either. At a time when the Boston Red Sox baseball team was running away with its division, the Team were featured on

the front page, with a picture of one of Mike Flanagan's five goals.

"The owners were looking at making soccer a major league sport in the U.S. but it was never a possibility because it did not have the necessary tradition there," Abrahams said.

He played alongside such greats as Carlos Alberto, Keith Weller, goalkeeper Kevin Keane, Flanagan and Paulo Cesar, and against Beckenbauer, van Hangeem, Bogicevic and Beteg during his stints with the New England Team, the Tulsa Roughnecks, the California Surf, San Diego Sockers, New York Cosmos and his last club, Kansas City, which plays indoor soccer.

His team-mates at Kansas in the season just ended included Johan Neeskens.

Indoor soccer is booming in the States. Kansas City averages a home crowd of 13,500 while Cleveland has drawn as many as 21,000. The game is for teams of six, played over an hour in four periods on artificial pitches of about 85 yards by 25 yards. Fourteen players are allowed for a match, with substitutions permitted at any time.

Abrahams' most successful season was 1983, when under the coaching of Terry Hennessy, the Tulsa Roughnecks beat Toronto Blizzard (formerly Metros Croatia) 2-0 in the Soccer Bowl (U.S. final). Roberto Beteg played on the losing side.

## This week's games

Only two NSL matches will be played on Sunday, due to the first Australia-Czechoslovakia match at Olympic Park.

They are, with likely winners in capitals: Blacktown City v. Inter-Monaro (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Canterbury-Marrickville at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.

Three other Northern Division games originally scheduled for Sunday, have been postponed until Wednesday, August 13, as has the Adelaide Hellas-JUST match.

And Melbourne Croatia's potential money-spinner against SM-Hellas, now is likely to be a financial loss because it has to be played on the night of August 13, as Hellas has three players in the Soccer bowl, meaning it doesn't have to play on the Sunday, as scheduled.

The Nanda Cup semi-finals have been switched to Wednesday, August 20.

Here's the league programme for August 9, 10 and 13:

Aug. 9: W'gong v. Newc-Rosebud.

Aug. 10: Bris. C. v. Bris. Lions, G. Gully v. H'berg, Geo. Cross v. Adel. Juve, B'wick Juve v. Makedonia, C'berra v. C'bury (postponed match).

Aug. 13: Melb. Croatia v. SM-Hellas, Adel. Hellas v. JUST, Syd. Olymp. v. APIA, Marc. v. St. Geo., C'berra v. Syd. Croatia.

Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week.

O'CONNOR (1) (Syd. Hakoah)	SELEMIDIS (2) (Heidelberg)	BERTOOGA (2) (APIA)
BYRNE (2) (Blacktown)	J. O'SHEA (1) (St. George)	HALFORD (1) (SM-Hellas)
JURIN (1) (Syd. Croatia)	WINN (3) (Monaro)	EGAN (3) (SM-Hellas)

Team of the week





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## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



## Hakoah to cut funds?



**Peter Scott**

**APIA 0  
SC-Hakoah 1**  
Score: Farina 67th  
Venue: Lambert Park  
Crowd: 1847  
Cautions: Hristovski, Bundalo, Brown (APIA), O'Connor, Souness (Hakoah).  
Referee: Ken Small.

So often this year fans, players and officials have thought they had incurred the wrath of the gods when dropping points through goalkeeping errors.

In fact coach Eddie Thomson went on record to say that shortcomings in this the most vital of all positions had cost

the Blues at least seven points so far.

There were no such complaints at gloomy, rainy Lambert Park when the Gods smiled on Hakoah. Its match against APIA was a dull uninspiring affair from start to finish, in keeping with the wintry surroundings and looking very much like a scoreless draw. In the 67th minute it all changed in one of those incredible incidents which make soccer the fascinating pastime it is.

The ball gently rolled to APIA's former Soccerro goalie, the very capable Tony Pezzano, who looked set to easily gather it up. Instead he seemed to lose concentration, trying to make up his mind whether to pick the ball up or control it with his feet. That was enough for Hakoah

**Man of the match:**  
**STEVE O'CONNOR**  
(SC-Hakoah)

speedster Frank Farina to nip in, hook it away from Pezzano's grasp and calmly place the ball into the empty net. Just six minutes earlier Tommy McCulloch almost opened the scoring when he snuck in behind the APIA rear-guard, only to see the ball hit the far upright.

APIA also had its chances. Seven minutes from half time, good work by Alex Bundalo and Tony Morsello saw the former bring an excellent save from 17-year-old Hakoah prodigy Brett Hughes and just seven minutes after Farina's goal, Arno Bertogna came within a whisker of equalising with a good header at the other end.

APIA could have gained a vital point but its up-and-down form is continuing capable of the silliest losses, but a potentially lethal opponent for the very best teams in the league. As for Hakoah, recognition of its shortcomings this year has led to careful planning for reinforcements next season. No names are available for publication as yet, but it is anticipated that a very modest expenditure on the low side of \$30,000 should see the team back as a championship pace-setter once again.

The club's biggest problem is to be found among its controllers in the Hakoah Club, with cryptic comments regarding the cutting off or funds in 1987 surfacing yet again.

Frankly, a team which has gathered so much glory for the club, players who have served with distinction for many years and a coach who has been a faithful servant of Hakoah and produced results unequalled by any coach in Australian soccer deserve better than such recurrent shabby treatment.



● Peter Tsolakis (right) whose goal gave Heidelberg a draw, barges past Charlie Yankos of Adelaide Hellas. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## What a comeback!



**Les Shorrock**

**Heidelberg 2  
Adel. Hellas 2**  
Scores: Hristodoulou (Ad H) 47th, 0-1, Konstantopoulos (Ad H) 52nd 0-2, Selemidis (H) 62nd 1-2, Tsolakis (H) 89th 2-2.

Venue: Olympic Village.  
Crowd: 2200.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge.

Sent Off: Lucchesi 19th.  
Cautions: Konstantopoulos, Yankos (A.H.), Oliver (H).  
Forget the score, forget the lost home point; the bare statistics don't do justice to what was one of Heidelberg's finest performances this season.

It speaks volumes for the Bergers' never-say-die fighting spirit that they were able to haul themselves back from the brink of defeat against all the odds.

They played for 70 minutes with only 10 men and, for 40 minutes without Ian McKie who was taken off to have his lip stitched after running into Chris Manou's elbow, while Steve Marley limped through most of the game in great pain.

In the 19th minute the Bergers won a corner but as

they lined up, linesman John Rutter was seen waving his flag. Referee Bambridge went over, and after a consultation, sent off Claude Lucchesi, apparently for kicking Hellas defender Tim Brown.

Then McKie had to be replaced by John Kanesoulis and the next to feel the impact of Hellas' robust play was Steve Marley who went down after a fierce challenge that must have cracked his shinguard.

He was virtually a passenger for the rest of the game. Within seven minutes of the restart, the roof fell in on Heidelberg. Gary Ward raced away down the left and crossed to Lou Hristodoulou who tucked it away gleefully.

Five minutes later, a defensive misunderstanding between Jeff Oliver and Chris Katsikidis left George Konstantopoulos to tap into the open goal.

Some team would have folded up then, but not the Bergers. They threw caution to the winds, and attacked and attacked, leaving themselves so wide open at the back that Robbie Dunn got within firing range and hit Oliver's crossbar, and then Hristodoulou hit the post and saw Ward fire the rebound wide.

## Jurin, Petkovic first to floor Olympic

By BRETT WILSON

**Syd Croatia 4  
Syd Olympic 1**

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre.  
Crowd: 10,167.  
Referee: Jim Reeves 6.  
Cautions: Soper, Johnstone (SO).  
Goals: Petkovic 2, Jurin 2 (SC), Estavillo (SO).

It was not Olympic's day at all, with Estavillo missing a vital penalty when the score was 2-1. It was only a few minutes later that Ivo Petkovic sent Croatia further ahead.

Croatia applied pressure from the first minute, forcing Olympic players into uncharacteristic errors. Jennings and

**Man of the match:**  
**ZELJKO JURIN**  
(Syd Croatia)

Kovacic alternated at the back to make sure Marshall Soper was kept quiet while Savor stuck close to Kalamatis. Soper's frustration showed and he was booked after a scuffle with Zarko Ozdakov.

Long through balls pumped by Croatian defenders to their forwards created problems for the visitors, and with good work from its skilful midfield line, Croatia looked superior for most of the match.

Jurin on the right flank and Petkovic on the left were particularly impressive, with Petkovic striking first. David Rezo put in a perfectly weighted cross for Petkovic to head just inside the near post and wide of Meier.

Jurin made it 2-0 after a Marjan Kovacic through ball. Estavillo gave his side an unexpected boost with a gem of a goal in the 37th minute. His fierce drive from 30 metres cleared the cobwebs from the top corner of Steve Watson's goal.

Olympic came back at Croatia with renewed effort and managed to create half a chance through Peter Katholos who hesitated and lost. However, Olympic's drive was rewarded early in the second half with a penalty decision. A doubtful handball ruling went Olympic's way but goalkeeper Steve Watson stopped Estavillo's penalty kick.

Croatia opened a two-goal gap when Lamin Lamond was challenged inside the Olympic penalty area. The ball fell for Petkovic who wasted no time in scoring.

Content with its lead, Croatia slowed the pace using back passes to Watson as one of its tactics to frustrate Sydney Olympic.

Peter Raskopoulos and Marshall Soper put in solid effort but to no avail as Croatia was the more confident and quicker when challenging for the ball. Jurin made sure of victory in the third with a well taken goal to earn our tag of man-of-the-match.

**Man of the match:**  
**THEO SELEMIDIS**  
(Heidelberg)

But still Heidelberg, urged on by Theo Selemidis, who played a real captain's game, and big Ian Hunter who was everywhere, surged forward, and in the 62nd minute came a glimmer of hope.

Doug Brown took a free-kick on the left. Paul Wilson glanced it on and as the ball rebounded off a defender, Selemidis was there to poke it over the line.

Heidelberg was revitalised, and coach Brian Garvey even had the audacity to take off a defender, Chris Katsikidis, in order to put on a forward, Nick Deligiannis.

As the minutes ticked inexorably away, it seemed the equaliser would never come, but little Pater Tsolakis, who's all heart, had different ideas. He beavered away and with less than a minute to go, he latched onto the ball just inside the penalty area and let fly a volley that fairly screamed past Martyr Crook. It was a fairly tale ending, but no more than Heidelberg deserved.

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## Juventus will stay on top



**Craig MacKenzie**

**B. Juventus 3  
Green Gully 1**

Scores: Wade 2nd, 53rd, Zinni 62nd (B); Carter penalty 67th (GG).  
Venue: Olympic Park No.1  
Crowd: 1,621

Cautions: Fraser, Cannell (GG), Marama (B).  
Referee: Jim Fokianos 6.  
Brunswick Juventus is on top of the Southern Division ladder and it's there to stay!

But let's give Gully a bit of praise.

It was a treat to watch for a

20-minute spell of the first half in which its one-touch football cried out for a clinical finisher to complete moves which had all but cut a swathe through the Juventus defence.

Two minutes into the match, Juventus hit the front. Fabio Incantalupo's inswinging corner caught a couple of gully defenders flatfooted. Not Wade though. He forced the ball over the line from a metre out.

Eight minutes into the second half Juventus went further ahead. Mike Petersen lobbed the ball forward to Zinni on the right. Zinni checked back inside a defender then sent over a superb

cross which was met at full pace by Wade, who sent a powerful header past the helpless Lou Denys.

An excellent break by Palatides in the 62nd minute set up Juve's third goal. He skipped clear of a defender then sent over an inch perfect far post cross which was met by Zinni whose first time volley sent the ball flying into the bottom far corner.

George Campbell and Peter Kadlicek were waiting on the sideline ready to come on when Gully hit back from the penalty spot in the 67th minute. Peter Lewis felled Steve Douglas and Carter converted with ease. Campbell came on for Theodosopoulos. Kadlicek returned to the bench, but four minutes later replaced Danny Ward.

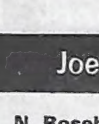
Just before Kadlicek came on Douglas should have made

**Man of the match:**  
**STEVE DOUGLAS**  
(Green Gully)

it 3-2. Cumming sent a great crossfield ball from left to right to overlapping David Hobgen whose first time cross was greeted with a first shot by Douglas but the ball sailed well over the bar.

In the 75th minute Palatides did his now customary dying swan act when challenged inside the area and referee Jim Fokianos gave his second penalty of the afternoon. Brian Brown looked confident but he didn't get enough angle on the shot and Denys did well to parry.

## Maier the match-winner



**Joe Lanzoni**

**N. Rosebud 3  
Canberra 2**

Venue: Adamstown Oval.  
Scores: 12th Phillips (N), 23rd McQuarrie (N), 31st Ingham (N), 77th Palacios (Canberra) (C), 87th Maier (N).  
Referee: Gary Power 5.

A well-taken free kick three minutes from the end from Ralph Maier was just reward for the

Newcastle midfielder who had toiled tirelessly. In the first half Maier waltzed past three defenders before setting up Sean Ingham with a simple chance that put Newcastle in front for the first time.

Newcastle had started rather tentatively and it was no sur-

prise when Hilton Phillips outpaced the defence in the 12th minute to put the visitors in front.

Former Peruvian international Augusto Palacios was calling the tune, playing slightly behind strikers Phillips and Ian Gibson and looking dangerous himself whenever he received the ball.

Newcastle gradually regained its composure and was soon back on level terms when John McCulloch hooked Ingham's corner into the net.

Referee Gary Power who had an excellent game awarded a penalty when the ball bounced awkwardly and

**Man of the match:**  
**RALPH MAIER**  
(Newc. Rosebud)

struck Matt Garland on the arm.

Palacios gave Gosting no chance with the spot kick.

When it looked like a draw would be the result, a superb Maier with his winning goal.

Canberra player-coach Steve Bryant said: "We were the better side and we did not deserve to be beaten."



## Allan Crisp

### Adel. Juventus 0 Melb. Croatia 2

Scorer: Abrahams 11th & 33rd.  
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.  
Crowd: 2600.  
Referee: Jim Rossis 7.  
Cautions: Talajic (MC).  
This was Melbourne Croatia's second successive league success and its first genuine upset of the season.  
Reason enough for coach

Terry Hennessy to be delighted and cause enough for Adelaide Juventus coach Zoran Matic to be bitterly disappointed.  
"It was an excellent team performance, one which we've got to build on," Hennessy said. "Once the confidence gets up again I think we can play against anybody."  
Juve coach Zoran Matic said some of his players "didn't give

# Curcio hurt as Croatia clicks

a damn" about the game and had been "sloak all week" in training.  
"They didn't think enough about the game," he said. "The result, although classed as an upset, was not entirely unexpected. Matic said before the match that he regarded it as a danger match."  
And surely no team which showed such fine form in winning the pre-season Ansett Challenge Shield could continue to wallow in the doldrums.  
Former Welsh international

al Hennessy engineered this win with a brand new striking combination — Laurie Abrahams and Paul Lewis.  
The pair had never played together before, so beware when they have an even better understanding.  
From the opening minute when Jimmy Campbell followed through with a shot which struck the post after Steve Gojevic and Abrahams had moved forward, an away win was on the cards.  
Abrahams reinforced that

thinking with his 11th minute, Lewis-assisted goal and it was almost a formality when the former New York Cosmos striker launched a header home in the 33rd minute.  
In the second half Juve strove valiantly to get back into contention, but Dave McIntosh and George Hannah stood Gibraltar-firm.  
Croatia's triumph was clouded by a serious injury to defender Tony Curcio in the 51st minute. Curcio was carried off on a stretcher and

was taken to hospital with a suspected broken right leg.  
That accident caused a delay — the second of the match. The first interruption happened in the first half when referee Jim Rossis felt unwell and left the field to recuperate. Rossis rested in the dressing room and returned after nine minutes to resume his duties.  
The incident, although rare, fired discussion on the pros and cons of reintroducing a fourth official for OASL games.  
Apart from the goals from

Man of the match:  
**Laurie Abrahams**  
(Melb. Croatia)

Abrahams, Croatia also had the best of the near misses, with Campbell unlucky twice.  
Juve's only complaint was that Sergio Mella should have been awarded a penalty in the 64th minute when he was upended in the box, but referee Rossis ignored the strong pleas.

## Egan the bullet

Man of the match:  
**Danny Crainie**  
(SM-Hellas)

### Makedonia 0 SM-Hellas 2

Scorers: Halford 20th, Stevenson 34th.  
Venue: Middle Park.  
Referee: Don Campbell (SA).

It was only 1-0 until six minutes from the end, but Makedonia came mightily close to sinking without trace in the Connor Reserve mud, as Charlie Egan twice hit the post and later the side netting after running into the penalty area to face goalkeeper Phil Traianedes.

Carl Halford and Danny Crainie were superb in midfield, as the springboards for most of Hellas' attacks and coach John Marpanis' tactics proved ideal for the ground conditions and as a counter to Makedonia's commitment to attack.

Makedonia, intent on victory at home, used three strikers — Mile Necovski, Gary Cole and Sean Lane and showed admirable enterprise in pushing forward. The mud however, broke down as many moves as the Hellas defence, which comprised a sweeper (Garry McDowall), two centre backs and two full backs.

Hellas' attacking plan was based solely on Egan's speed and work-rate. The ball invariably was played high and



● Makedonia's Mile Necovski (centre) attempts to plough through the Connor Reserve mud but South Melbourne Hellas stopper Steve Blair (right) has his measure. At left is Hellas defender Angie Postecoglou. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.



## Laurie Schwab

long, for Egan to chase. It worked like a charm in the first half, when Egan was kept out by the woodwork, but not so well after the interval, when Makedonia had worked it all out.

With the exception of Graham Heys' bursts down the left, the Makedonia midfield lacked creativity, and so to compensate, centre backs Ian Dobson and Con Opasinis pushed up, trying to find for their team-mates a way to goal. That of course, played into Hellas' hands.

Hellas started without Richard Miranda who must serve a two-match suspension because he has accumulated 24 penalty points over the season. Stuart Stevenson was back after suspension to partner Egan up

front and to score a brilliant goal with a spectacular overhead kick in the 34th minute.  
Opasinis and Dobson had missed Makedonia's previous match.  
Hellas took the lead in the 20th minute. Crainie made his way to the backline and cut back a good cross for Halford to head home.

But Makedonia had the chance to equalise only two minutes later. Zoran Thocki Egan broke away in the 29th minute, and nudged a low shot past Traianedes but the ball hit the post. Egan sped clear again on a nice ball from Halford in the 37th minute and again was denied by the woodwork.

It was practically a one-man show in the first half, with Egan playing every part. He was away again in the 40th minute, cutting inside from the left but was flattened by Ian Roodhouse. Later, he

crossed to Halford who touched it on to Murphy for a shot that beat Traianedes but tricked past the post.

Makedonia which had threatened earlier with a Dobson header, had another chance just before half time. Heys crossed the ball and Mile Necovski connected with a flying header that went just over the bar just after half time, following a corner by Heys and a challenge from Dobson in the penalty area.

Away went Egan once more in the 68th minute, on a through ball from Halford. Traianedes took up the right position, narrowing Egan's angle and forcing him wide, resulting in the shot hitting the side netting.

Stevenson scored with his remarkable overhead shot in the 84th minute after a cross from Crainie who then played a delightful long ball over Opasinis for Egan. Traianedes however, came out of the penalty area to kick the ball away from the rampaging Hellas striker.

## Bad blow for Vlado



## Peter Desira

### Foots JUST 1 Brisb City 1

Scorers: Stosic 5th, Mengotti 76th.  
Venue: Schintler Reserve.  
Referee: Evan Venios 4.  
Cautions: Milosevic, Reis, Harrison.  
Sent off: Reis 80th.

Midfielder Vlado Bozinovski broke down at training last Thursday and probably will miss the rest of the season.

JUST put on its most disappointing performance of the season and should count its blessings for gaining a draw with mediocre Brisbane City.

JUST got off to the ideal start, scoring after only five minutes but instead of asserting its superiority, was dragged down to the level of Brisbane City and by the end of the game looked as sloppy and disorganised as the Queensland side.

The goal came from a move started by Zdravko Lujic down the left. Lujic cut the ball back to Ossie Latif whose misjudged cross eluded everybody but Vojislav Vukcevic.

Vukcevic pumped the ball back into the area and Vlado Stosic rose well to head the ball into the net.

Brisbane City's backline, still looking shell-shocked from the previous week's 6-0 drubbing by Heidelberg, let JUST in for two more excellent chances before the game was half an hour old but Latif and Lujic squandered them.

For the first chance Stosic robbed George Caird and pushed the ball through for Latif in the clear only for the striker to be forced wide and see his angled shot well saved by Robert Harrison.

For the second, Latif gave Lujic a through pass and Harrison again came to the rescue turning Lujic's shot away for a corner.

Instead of spurring JUST on, the easy chances had the opposite effect with the midfield looking disorganised and the defence suddenly exposed. Brisbane City created two openings out of nothing with Kieran Cooper breaking down the right and cutting the ball back for Dean Milosevic to force Zoran Nikitovic into a good save.

Cooper had the ball in the net in the 32nd minute after waiting past the keeper and referee Evan Venios had already pointed to the centre before his attention was drawn to linesman Stan Bialecki who had flagged for offside as soon as the striker got the ball.

Man of the match:  
**VOJISLAV VUKCEVIC**  
(Foots JUST)

Drago Sekularac replaced Ljube Petrovski with Suleiman Curovic at the break and replaced the disappointing Ernie Tapa with Sacha Brkic early in the second half but the changes made little difference to the pattern of play.

Vukcevic headed over from a corner. Stosic had a header saved. Latif shot wide from a good position and Lujic just failed to connect with a cross from the left from Latif before the inevitable equaliser came from Brisbane City in the 76th minute.

Cooper danced his way past three defenders to fire in a shot which Nikitovic managed to block but the ball ran loose to Frank Mengotti who fired it into the back of the net from outside the box.

Brisbane City finished the match with 10 men when Alan Reis, who had been booked for deliberate handball in the first half, committed his second bookable offence with a bad foul on Warren Spink and promptly was ordered off.

But the Queenslanders held out for the closing 10 minutes to leave with a point they must have thought was well beyond them before the game.

## James keeps Monaro at bay



## Peter Windsor

### Inter Monaro 1 Marconi 1

Goals: Winn (IM), Brown (M).  
Venue: Bruce Stadium.  
Crowd: 510.  
Ref: Bernie Upjohn (Melbourne).  
Cautions: Henderson, El-Ali (M), Carbone (IM).  
Missing was Marconi's renowned ability to be creative and deadly when moving forward.  
It easily was contained by Monaro.  
"It was a great confidence booster," was the sentiment shared by Monaro's joint

coaches Harry Williams and Steve Hosowski.

"When we really got stuck in, tackled and ran at them, we showed we are capable of defeating them," Williams added.  
"Only poor finishing by Perinovic — and some fine goalkeeping by Bruce James — saved the day for Marconi."  
Yet Perinovic must take credit for a gutsy, determined effort.

In the first half it was Monaro that had the only clear goalscoring chance when Perinovic got behind Marconi's defence only to flick his close-range header just wide of the upright.

It was perhaps the only thing memorable about the first half played in below freezing tem-

peratures (minus three to be precise).  
The second half was quite a different story.

It was but eight minutes old when Marconi midfielder Peter Tredinnick sent a short corner to striker Rod Brown who smashed the ball first-time through a packed goalmouth and into the net.

With Argentinian import Osvaldo El-Ali roving from one side of the pitch to the other, Marconi was expected to go on with it.

Not so — and full marks to Monaro for a gutsy revival in which all members of the squad lifted their game.

Full marks, too, to Williams and Hosowski for the strategic introduction of Ian Wotherspoon for an out-of-touch Tony Brennan and then Angelo Ambrosino for a limping Billy Willox.

Man of the match:  
**STEVE WINN**  
(Inter-Monaro)

Just sixty seconds after Wotherspoon came on Monaro was level.

The move was by courtesy of Ricki Budini and Steve Winn.  
"Mr Consistent" Budini weighted his free kick perfectly. Up went Winn unmarked in the middle of the box and with goalkeeper Bruce James slipping, Winn's back-header found the net.

Minutes later it was Marconi that came close when Henderson's header beat goalkeeper Nick Antonopoulos only to be cleared off the goal-line by Budini.

## IT'S VINTAGE O'SHEA



## Alex Vesic

### St George 3 Wollongong 1

St George Stadium.  
Crowd: 1027.  
Referee: T. Pollard 6.  
Cautions: Koczka, Ricoy, Fletcher (SG), Morlando (WC).  
Goals: 29th J. O'Shea, 40th Fletcher, 56th Koczka, 90th Giraldi.  
Wollongong, which has its defence to thank for its revival this season, was out of touch and made elementary mistakes at the back to allow Saints to create chances galore.  
Ray Vlietstra tried hard to

stop the rampant Saints but with little success.

Pedro Ricoy was through as early as the ninth minute to face goalkeeper Warwick Young but hesitated and allowed Reg Chilly to put in a goal-saving tackle.

Midway through the first half, Peter Petkovski ran through to face Young after Robert O'Shea had sent in a perfectly-weighted pass. Petkovski's effort hit Young and the rebound went begging.

It was third time lucky for Saints after 25 minutes as Koczka's through ball found Fletcher running wide. Fletcher found Ricoy who laid it for John O'Shea and the

experienced foot of the Saints' general struck a low drive into the net.

Five minutes before the interval Koczka again fed Fletcher who raced around the keeper to make it 2-0.

Andy Koczka increased the lead for Saints after yet another brilliant through ball from John O'Shea.

The rampant Saints continued to cut holes in the Wolves' defence, with Koczka missing opportunities in the 65th and 86th before a David Batten break in the 90th minute saw the visitors reply through Robert Giraldi.

Batten, who missed the only other chance Wolves created, broke through on the left before cutting a pass into the box for Kotamanidis. His shot rebounded to Stefanovski who shot on the turn only to see

Man of the match:  
**JOHN O'SHEA**  
(St. George)

Greedy make a brilliant one-handed save but the ball rolled to Giraldi for the tap-in.

John O'Shea and Andrew Koczka were the most commanding figures of the match, with David Skeen also putting in a non-stop performance. John O'Shea scored one and made one, but his overall performance was by far his best to date, while Koczka proved to Frank Arok that his place is up front. His finishing needs a little polish but his skills and determination make him one of the best target men in the NSL.

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## Markovski injured



**Ricky Rosso**

### Brisbane Lions 1 Geo. Cross 3

*Scorers: 0-1 Bain 31st, 1-1 D. Richardson 46th, 1-2 S. Richardson 63rd, 1-3 MacLaren 72nd.*  
*Venue: Richlands*  
*Crowd: 977*  
*Referee: Ken Adriaansen 7*  
"That's the worst we've played in weeks, but we got the points." In that statement, George Cross coach John Gardiner summed up how everything has gone against the Brisbane sides this season.

Lions should have won easily in the first 20 minutes. The visitors scarcely got past half way and the corner count in the opening period was 9-2 to Lions.

Yet George Cross put the ball into the net twice before the break. One counted, one didn't.

The first came in the 29th minute when Roger Bain and Jeff Faulkner burst through a flat-footed Lions defence.

Faulkner slipped a pass to Bain, who picked up the pass fractionally offside, negating the shot which beat Lions keeper Wayne Evans.

Bain doubted the linesman's ruling and perhaps justice was done two minutes later when the midfielder's

right foot corner from the left curled its way into the Lions net.

Then Russell Stewart put national youth squad member John Markovski out of the game with a bone-wrenching tackle.

Lions equalised 52 seconds after the interval through Irish import David Richardson.

But a terrible mis-judgement from keeper Evans 18 minutes later was to end the game for the home side.

Evans, with a shout of "keeper's ball" raced off his line with the ambitious intention of jumping over a sea of players to take a Tyrone James free kick that had been floated into the box.

But in the slippery conditions and the number of players in the way, Evans missed.

The ball fell for Noel Mitten and after a scramble, Steve

**Man of the match:**  
**ROGER BAIN**  
(Geo. Cross)

Richardson slotted the ball home.

Then Mitten broke from the half line and crossed to Don MacLaren, unmarked in the stretched Lions defence. He hit it poorly, but it wasn't Evan's day and he was inches too shy of making a stop.

Two ahead, George Cross went into its familiar and expert defensive formation and for the remaining 20 minutes it was obvious there would be no more goals.

The result kept George Cross' NSL survival hopes alive but effectively snuffed out Queensland's last ray of hope.

## What's that about garbage?



**Barry Davis**

### Canterbury 0 Blacktown 1

*Venue: Arlington Oval*  
*Referee: Richard Lorenz 8*  
*Scorer: Brett Thornthwaite*  
*Crowd: about 300*

Blacktown completely dominated Canterbury and in so doing, showed the advantages of an attacking plan over the counter-attacking style of its opponents.

Although only one goal was scored, The Demons should have netted six more from the many chances they created.

David Sharpe finished a good build-up on the left flank, which involved Paul Kay, Gary Byrne and Darren Northam, with a 25-metre curling shot which shaved the crossbar.

In the 30th minute, Peter Denyer hit a thunder-bolt from 10 metres which Ian Barker scrambled to block. Adam Sandy was on hand to pick up the rebound with a bicycle kick attempt but Barker had performed miracles to be in position to save this attempt also.

Three minutes later, Hantzis was in the right place at the right time to clear a Sandy header off the line.

Five minutes before the break, Thornthwaite unleashed a solid shot which Barker could only parry. The ball fell to Slater whose shot hit the woodwork.

One minute after the hour, Rene Licata broke free in the centre following a rare defensive error by Denyer, and tried to beat the advancing Barry Hoare with a powerful shot but he 'keeper proved too good. Licata really should have done more with this gift-edged opportunity but lacked imagination.

Fifteen minutes from time the Demons' efforts were finally rewarded when Kay took a corner which was nodded on by Sandy to the feet of Thornthwaite who made no mistake with a neat side-foot shot from 5 metres.

In a morgue-like Canterbury dressing room coach Dom Ka-

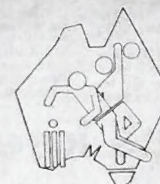
**Man of the match:**  
**GARY BYRNE**  
(Blacktown)

petanovic said: "Had Licata not wasted his attempt we could have won, or at least gained a point."

"I must say that I was happy with the great improvement shown by our back four, though."

Blacktown's Casey de Bruin said: "I thought our man of the match was a guy who didn't play. Eddie Thomson inspired our lads by saying they were 'garbage' last week and they have responded by showing him what garbage is all about."

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La sedicesima giornata del campionato nazionale, che si annunciava abbastanza tranquilla per le squadre di testa, ha causato invece non poche sorprese e, grazie appunto ad una di queste, la Juventus di Melbourne e' salita in testa alla classifica del girone meridionale.

A favorire l'avanzata della squadra bianconera e' stato il fanalino di coda del Brisbane City che, reduce da una straziante casalinga di proporzioni tennistiche, si e' presa la briga di scendere sul campo del JUST e uscirne fuori con un vistoso e insperato 1-1 che apriva la porta alla Juventus per piazzarsi al primo posto in classifica grazie a un'eccezionale quotazione reti (e' la squadra che ha segnato piu' reti nel suo girone e quella che ne ha subito di meno nel campionato nazionale).

I bianconeri hanno colto l'occasione al volo disfacendosi molto facilmente del Green Gully con un 3-1 che avrebbe dovuto essere almeno un 4-1 se Brown avesse trasformato un rigore verso la fine dell'incontro.

Nonostante il campo pesante e la solita "tattica pesante" del Green Gully, gli uomini di McKendry hanno mostrato molto bene a centrocampo con un superlativo Wade ed un sempre migliore Petersen, ed hanno fatto faville in attacco dove Zinni e Palatsidis hanno ubriacato gli avversari.

I due giovani avanti formano una combinazione affiatissima e micidiale (giocano assieme da quando erano ragazzini nel Port Melbourne) che nello spunto veloce e nella grande mobilita' trova le sue armi migliori.

Un centravanti di ruolo fra queste due punte laterali naturalmente completerebbe un trio spettacolare che metterebbe ai ferri stretti qualsiasi difesa (e nell'imbarazzo qualsiasi tecnico che dovrebbe scegliere di

## VIVA ITALIA.

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### Il Brisbane City regala il primato alla Juventus

giocare con tre punte e tre centrocampisti). Sara' interessante vedere cosa fara' McKendry fra due settimane (dopo l'intermezzo Internazionale Australia-Cecoslovacchia) quando Scot Patterson sara' nuovamente disponibile dopo aver scontato un turno di squalifica per cumulo di ammonizioni.

Così' la Juventus ha preso la testa nel momento cruciale del campionato e ha messo una grossa ipoteca sul bis per il titolo nazionale. Le prossime settimane saranno però settimane di fuoco per i bianconeri che vedranno il loro primato insidiato da Preston, Heidelberg, JUST (una grossa rivincita farebbe impazzire di gioia i tifosi bianconeri), Brisbane Lions, Juventus Adelaide e South Melbourne Hellas (vale lo stesso discorso del JUST).

Se la Juventus riuscirà a passare indenne questa fase finale del campionato avrà dimostrato ampiamente di essere la migliore squadra d'Australia, non importa cosa succederà poi nelle finali.

Altre sorprese di questo sedicesimo turno sono state la sconfitta casalinga della Juventus Adelaide per mano del Croatia, il pareggio in extremis dell'Heidelberg con il West Adelaide e la netta vittoria del S.M. Hellas sul Preston. Se vogliamo nemmeno il 3-1 inflitto dal George Cross al Brisbane Lions rientra veramente nella normalità dei pronostici.

Così' la classifica ha subito non pochi ritocchi, con la Juventus di Adelaide raggiunta a quota 20 dall'Heidelberg, il Preston che ha perso contatto con la quinta poltrona (Hellas a quota 18 seguita dal George Cross con lo stesso punteggio, contro i 15 punti dei macedoni) e il Croatia che ha scavalcato il Brisbane Lions per conquistare una posizione di maggior sicurezza.

Nel girone settentrionale sorprendentemente facile vittoria del Croatia sull'imbattuta capitolina Sydney Olympic (e nuovo alternarsi in cima alla classifica); sorprendente anche il pareggio fra Monaro e Marconi che comunque conserva il terzo posto in classifica grazie alla altrettanto sorprendente sconfitta casalinga del Blacktown per mano del Newcastle. L'APIA non che l'ha fatta contro il Sydney City che cond i due punti conquistati ha fatto capolino fra le prime cinque a spese di un Wollongong in declino che e' stato battuto nettamente dal St George Budapest.

Dopo la sedicesima giornata la speciale (ed ufficiale) classifica in base alla quale saranno scelti le 14 squadre che prenderanno parte al girone unico di Lega Nazionale il prossimo anno e' la seguente: Sydney Croatia, Juventus di Melbourne, Heidelberg, Sydney City, Marconi, S.M. Hellas, JUST, Juventus di Adelaide, Preston, Makedonia, Blacktown, Melbourne Croatia, St

George Budapest e Wollongong.

Hanno ancora possibilita' di qualificarsi il George Cross o l'APIA probabilmente a spese del Blacktown che appare la squadra piu' pericolante.

A proposito della Juventus, un'altra notizia di sapore politico, anche se non e' nostra intenzione fare politica di partito. Come tutti i nostri lettori sanno anche troppo bene, la faccenda del campo di Brunswick non e' ancora risolta. Un modo come i residenti italiani possono favorevolmente influenzare gli eventi in questa vitale questione e' registrare un voto massiccio per Harold Jury alle elezioni comunali di sabato prossimo, nella circoscrizione Sud-Ovest.

Harold Jury, per chi non lo conoscesse, e' stato da sempre il piu' acceso sostenitore della Juventus in seno al Consiglio Comunale di Brunswick ed era sindaco l'anno che al club fu concesso l'uso del Football Ground. Il suo opponente alle elezioni di sabato e' apertamente nel gruppo di coloro che oppongono con tutte le forze la realizzazione del progetto.

Raccomandiamo esplicitamente Harold Jury ai nostri lettori per la sua sicura fede bianconera e per le sue notevoli capacita' ampiamente provate in molti anni di amministrazione pubblica, senza alcuna considerazione per il suo colore politico ne' quello del suo opponente. Siamo sicuri che il voto per Harold Jury facilitera' l'ottenimento del sogno bianconero, un voto per il suo avversario, al contrario, lo renderebbe a dir poco problematico.



● Caulfield import Paul Harris (centre) about to be challenged by Springvale midfielder Jim Nelson (left). At right is Eddie Bell of Springvale. Caulfield shocked the league leader by winning 2-1 at Princes Park last Saturday. Picture: LES SHORROCK

## Vales lack commitment

By MIKE LYNN

### Caulfield 2 Springvale 1

Scorers: Sakinidis 63rd, Vagias 75th (C); Athersych (S). Venue: Princes Park, Saturday.

A few weeks ago I predicted that Springvale City would be a genuine title contender, not so much because considered the team had an abundance of star players but because the last time I saw it play (against Frankston Pines in round 10) it exhibited a great deal of on and off field camaraderie.

After watching this performance against Caulfield I have to say that the camaraderie previously displayed has well and truly disappeared, certainly out on the field.

The performance by the Springvale players against Caulfield certainly found many of them lacking in commitment.

After losing their two previous games, I expected Springvale to throw everything at Caulfield in an effort to re-establish their title challenge. Such a surge never eventuated and Caulfield won, deservedly so.

The first half was of a very poor standard but even so it was Caulfield that had the better of play and the best scoring opportunity.

Man of the match: PANIKOS TIOFARI (Caulfield City)

Mur. Unfortunately for Mur his first touch provided Caulfield with the opening goal. From the corner Mur dropped the ball to Sahinidis who gleefully hammered it home from eight metres.

Springvale equalized in the 68th minute when striker Russell Athersych headed home a Ged Bannon free kick taken from the right side of the Caulfield penalty area.

Theo Vagias came on as a substitute for Ermas Womdimu in the 70th minute and immediately made his presence known. With his first touch, after being put in the clear by excellent lead-up play between Tiofari and full back John Bitsonis, he fired a hard shot just over the crossbar.

Vagias made amends in the 75th minute by scoring the winning goal. The goal epitomized a sorry performance for Springvale when experienced sweeper Keith Adams played a short goalkick to stopper Mike Bissinger who was standing facing his own goal just outside the penalty area. Vagias robbed Bissinger and raced into the area to shoot past a hapless Mur.

Caulfield almost scored a third goal in the 85th minute when a Kenny Tiofari free kick was headed powerfully against the Springvale goalpost by a diving Sahinidis.

On this performance, any Springvale aspirations towards winning the title are ill-founded.

## Middlemast breaks the deadlock

NUNAWADING CITY 3 (Middlemast 53, Bastasin 71, 89) ALTONA GATE 0. Victorian Division One match at Mahoney's Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Mader, Hurleston, Chiaravalle, Lawler, McCombe, Moyle, Mullett, Bastasin, Middlemast, Groenewald, Pote.

Altona Gate Dimitrevski, Veljanovski, Pavis, Serovski, Talevski, Williams, Micevski, Kebasovski, Beattie (Romanovski 67th), Georgievski, Retovski.

Nunawading City adapted to the quagmire far better and had it not been for a courageous display in goal by Dimitrevski, the scoreline could have been higher.

Time and again he foiled the Nunawading forwards.

In the first half, Nunawading attacked steadily but found Dimitrevski equal to everything as he made five saves from McCombe, Moyle and Mullett.

At the other end, Lawler and Chiaravalle made timely interceptions in their own penalty area.

The home side broke the deadlock in the 53rd minute. Mullett was fouled right on the point of the penalty area. Moyle's free kick was beautifully placed to the far post where Middlemast rose high to head home.

Dimitrevski made a brilliant save at the foot of the post from a firm shot from Hurleston, then he made two fine saves from Groenewald, but he

was beaten again in the 71st minute.

Groenewald rose well to head a corner goalward but it was stopped on the line by Talevski. However, Bastasin drove home the rebound.

Division Two Saturday: Essendon City v Essendon City, Dandenong City v Murrumbidgee, Altona City v Bulleen, Prahran City v Royal Richmond, Ringwood United v Waverley City (draw), North Geelong v Kew, Sandringham v Moreland Park Rangers.

Division Three Saturday: Coburg v Fern Tree Gully, Clifton Hill v Murrumbidgee, Mooroolbark v Port Melbourne, Bell Park v Geelong, Yarraville v Carrara, Springvale United v Carrara, Yallaurra v Rosanna.

Division Four Saturday: Ballarat v Brighton, Holland Park v Hawthorn, Langwarrin v Karingal United, Boronia v East Brunswick, Lalor United v Heidelberg, Bundoora, West Brunswick v Keysborough.

Division Five Saturday: Mulgrave v ASCOM, Riversdale, Lyndale United v St Kilda, Caprivi United v West United, Balaklava v Loder, Ringwood Rovers v Kensington United, Debeney Park v Waverley United, Skye Rovers v Northern United.

With one minute to go, Mullett took a free kick on the left. Under pressure from Bastasin, Dimitrevski could not hold the ball and Bastasin recovered well to stab the ball home from close range.

## Selections

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Saturday: ALTONA GATE v Murrumbidgee, SUNBURY UNITED v Doreton, DONCASTER ROVERS v North Dandenong, BROADMEADOWS v Kew City, Albion Rovers v Nunawading City, SM Mordialloc v Richmond, Werribee v OAKLEIGH.

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PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Saturday: EAST GEELONG v Berwick City, CLAYTON v Greenborough, ANDER v IVANHOE CITY, East Preston v CENTRAL CITY, Wantirna v MALVERN CITY, SEAFORD UNITED v Williamstown, GEELONG UNITED v Pascoe Vale.

Division Two Saturday: DINGLEY UNITED v Mordialloc, ORANBOURNE v MELTON, CHELSEA v Menash University, Brunswick City v NORTH SUNSHINE, MONMOUTH v Uni of Melbourne, SOUTH DANDENONG v Forest Hill.

Division Three Saturday: BATTMAN UNITED v Burwood United, MITCHEM v Fitzroy City, ASCOT VALE CITY v Geelong, RICHMOND UNITED v Altona United, MEADOW PARK v Port United, West Meadows v PARKMORE, SOUTH SPRINGVALE v South Yarra.

Division Four Saturday: MULGRAVE ASCOM v Riversdale, Lyndale United v ST Kilda, CAPRIVI UNITED v West United, BALAKLAVA v Loder, Ringwood Rovers v KENSINGTON UNITED, Debeney Park v WAVERLEY UNITED, Skye Rovers v NORTHERN UNITED.

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# Vrzina - Croydon will in the league

## THOMASTOWN CLASH A TOUGH TEST

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Tony Vrzina

Croydon welcomes back Andy Humble and Jim O'Reilly from suspension but is likely to lose injured midfielder Matt McDonald for Saturday's important clash with rapidly improving Thomastown at Partridge Reserve.

Make no mistake about it, this is a danger game as far as Croydon's title hopes are concerned for Thomastown coach Mike Lynn is pleased with the way his side has been functioning recently, especially from runners George McMillan and Andy Higgins.

However, Lynn will be forced to reshuffle his defence as young stopper Frank Arcoraci is suspended this week. Steve Hackert will come into the line-up at left back, pushing Rob Pinalito into the stopper's role.

Lynn spoke to me on the morning of last weekend's clash with Western Suburbs and correctly predicted a 3-0 win to Thomastown. He was strangely reticent however about predicting the outcome of the Croydon game. I'm not, Croydon will win.

"Croydon will win the league. They've got too much experience for the other teams," said St. Albans Dinamo coach Tony Vrzina after his team's exciting 4-4 draw at Croydon Park last Sunday, in which Dinamo's Sveto Rastocic scored twice in the last 10 minutes to erase a two-goal deficit.

Dinamo's effort was tremendous considering that it lost both strikers during the game through injury - Ivan Duzel after just 15 minutes and Kevin Lloyd in the 55th minute. Both Duzel and Lloyd look likely to be sidelined on Saturday when Caulfield tackles Caulfield at Churchill Reserve.

Caulfield's English import, midfielder Paul Harris, made his debut in his team's 2-1 win over league leader Springvale City last Saturday. Harris however, lacks match fitness and had to come off at half time.

But Caulfield's leading scorer, Danny Zemunik, returns from suspension to face some of his former Melbourne Croatia team mates and with his hard running and aggression is

bound to keep Dinamo defenders on their toes.

Western Suburbs could be without Bobby McGuinness, Jed Stenson and George Beattie for Saturday's clash with Frankston Pines at Monterey Reserve. All three are injured. McGuinness came off against Thomastown in the first half with a groin injury. He's been troubled with it for a while, and this week will receive treatment from one of the physiotherapists at Melbourne University.

Herein lies a wee story. Mike Lynn is the sports administrator at Melbourne Uni

and knew of McGuinness's injury but didn't arrange for him to be treated until after last weekend's game. Nice guy, eh?

Pines should win. Fawkner coach Peter Boyle expects a really tough battle when his team takes on Polonia at Smith Reserve on Saturday. I agree and I'm tipping a Polonia victory.

"Polonia probably is the unluckiest team in the league of late and I've got a feeling that last weekend's win over Melbourne might just be the start of a good run for them. It's up to us to try and stem the flow," said Boyle.

"It will be very, very hard for us. I really believe that Polonia now is one of the best sides in the league. The new players they signed a few weeks ago gives them one of the strongest squads in the league".

Boyle still will be without defender Cesare Fattore who has another week to serve of the four-week suspension he received when found guilty of

striking Graham Watson of Frankston Pines in their Monterey Reserve clash on Saturday, July 5. However, Fabio Mancinelli is available after suspension and is expected to come into Fawkner's starting line-up.

"We're improving each week. I'm not a greedy man. My job is to make sure that we just finish above Ringwood, Werribee and Melbourne and I believe we can," said Polonia coach Miran Bleiberg after his team's 3-0 win over Melbourne Hungaria last Sunday.

Steve Wild and Don Sutherland were sent off in that match and will be unavailable for Melbourne's J.T. Gray Reserve battle with Morwell Falcons on Saturday.

However, Paris Tzambazis should be fully recovered from the hip injury he received two

weeks ago and is expected to be in the starting line-up as experienced midfielder John Wallace, who has been troubled by injury recently.

I'm not prepared to condemn Melbourne to relegation yet and I think that it can get a point here.

Springvale City stopper Mike Bissinger is suspended for Saturday's Jubilee Park clash with Ringwood Werribee but the Vales hope to settle their differences with Gordon Bentley and have him back in the starting line-up. Even so, I think that Werribee can earn a point here, as Springvale goalie Bill Whiteside is out for the rest of a year with a broken ankle.

Box Hill hopes to bounce back from last weekend's loss to Morwell by accounting for Northcote at Wembley Park on Saturday.

I think the Hillmen will win but Northcote will stretch them all the way.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

### SATURDAY

Melbourne Hungaria V Morwell Falcons (draw) at J.T. Gray Reserve.  
FRANKSTON PINES V Western Suburbs at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.  
St. Albans Dinamo V Caulfield (draw) at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.  
Fawkner V POLONIA at Smith Reserve, 3pm.  
BOX HILL V Northcote at Wembley Park, 3pm.  
Thomastown V CROYDON at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.  
Ringwood Werribee V Springvale City (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

## MIGHTY McMILLAN!

### West Suburbs 0 Thomastown 3

Scorers: MacMillan 67th, 78th, Higgins 89th  
Venue: Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

Thomastown captain George MacMillan turned on a superb performance in the mud at Ralph Reserve and his two goals midway through the second half ensured a well deserved victory for the visitors.

MacMillan's first goal in the 67th minute was a gem. The move that led to the goal began when midfielder Alan Kerr won possession of the ball on the halfway line and quickly played the ball forward to McMillan standing on the edge of Suburbs' penalty area. McMillan turned smoothly with the ball and dummied a pass to Kerr, who had made a good supporting run down the right

Man of the match:  
**GEORGE McMILLAN**  
(Thomastown)

side of the penalty area, but charged past Suburbs' goalkeeper Robert Palmieriotti and sweeper Steve Dimovski and from an acute angle near the Suburbs back line fired a stinging shot high into the far side of the goal.

MacMillan made sure of a Thomastown victory with his second goal in the 78th minute.

With Suburbs defenders pushing hard to win the match, an equaliser, MacMillan beat the attempted Suburbs' trap running onto a superb through pass from defender Robert Pinalito and placing the ball under the outstretched

body of goalkeeper Milutin Ciric.

Thomastown's task was made a little easier due to the absence of George Beattie and Jed Stenson through injury and by the early departure of striker Bob McGuinness with a groin injury.

MacMillan's striking partner Andy Higgins added to the scoreline in the 89th minute. Kerr again was involved when he won possession on the edge of the Thomastown penalty area and played a hard forward pass to Higgins on the halfway line.

Higgins played the ball first time superbly, releasing midfielder Brian Coyle with a pass that went high and wide to his right. Coyle reached the ball at the left of the Suburbs area and his first time pass across the edge of the penalty area found Higgins totally in the clear. Higgins controlled the ball well and from just inside the penalty area drove the ball hard and low into the goal off a post.

## Webster to wield the axe?

### Morwell F. 3 Box Hill 1

Scorers: Stirton 25th, 86th, Bruns 31st (MF), McKinna 36th (BH)  
Venue: North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

"I'm impressed with Box Hill. They came at us hard early on and even when they went 2-0 down they kept coming. They didn't die, they kept running and tackling hard and it wouldn't surprise me if they got up and sneaked away with the championship."

That was the reaction of Morwell Falcons coach Dave O'Connor to his outfit's 3-1 win over title contender Box Hill. "We changed our style to combat Box Hill. We felt that if we used four in midfield rather than our usual three we could combat them in their strongest area and we did very, very well in that department," O'Connor added.

O'Connor used Graham Tutill at left back in place of Jim Train who has missed the last two games due to a knee injury sustained during a training run at an indoor soccer centre. The

Man of the match:  
**PETER VERECIA**  
(Morwell F.)

extent of Train's injury is yet to be determined but the club fears the worst and he could be out for some time.

Box Hill coach Keith Webster, as ever, wasn't as optimistic about his team's championship chances dampened by the loss, however, he's about to make changes for this weekend's clash.

"Sure, it's disappointing to lose but we're still up there and there's plenty to play for yet," said Webster.

"But we may have to make some changes. There are a few players not making the kind of contribution I require so that will have to sort."

Morwell hit the front with a gem of a goal in the 25th minute. Harry Hird had fouled Tony van Baar wide on the right and van Baar took the re-

sultant free kick, sending the ball to the far post where Ian Stirton rose high to head powerfully past John McKinlay.

Shortly after, the Hillmen were really up against it. A firm cross by van Baar was met by Peter Verechia whose superb glancing header had goal written all over it until McKinlay, at full stretch, made a superb save. But the Box Hill goalie only could push the ball down and Emil Bruns, following up, slammed it in.

Box Hill kept pressing though and its luck changed when a ball played into the Morwell area appeared to strike Laurie McKinna on the head and went in, making it 2-1 in the 36th minute.

Just four minutes were left when Stirton put the Hillmen out of their misery. Big van Baar got to the ball and sent it in a low cross. Verechia, charging in at full steam, looked likely to shoot. Suddenly, the former Box Hill striker laid the ball across goal to the unmarked Stirton, taking everyone by surprise, and Stirton had no trouble in striking it in from close range.

— JOHN JAMES

### Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SPRINGVALE CITY	10	5	4	23	15	25
CROYDON	10	4	4	39	21	24
BOX HILL	8	7	4	31	18	23
ST. ALB. DINAMO	7	8	4	31	21	22
Fawkner	9	4	5	18	12	22
F'ston Pines	7	7	4	24	17	21
West. Suburbs	8	4	7	28	20	18
Morwell Falcons	8	2	9	33	32	18
Thomastown	6	6	7	19	18	18
Caulfield	8	2	9	29	34	18
Northcote	5	5	8	26	34	15
Ring. Werribee	4	5	10	15	40	13
Melb. Hungaria	2	8	9	15	31	12
Polonia	3	5	11	14	23	11

CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Sahinidis 63rd, Vagias 75th)  
SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Athensych 68th) at Princes Park, Saturday.

CAULFIELD CITY: Alexandropoulos 5 — Bitsonis 7, Koutos 6, Brooks 6, Taitisidis 5 — Harris 6 (Theoccharous H.T. 6), Trolan 8, Taylor 6, Sahinidis 7 — Filippou 6, Wondimu 7 (Vagias 70th), Coach: Takis Simgas.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 6 (mj) Perry Mur 62nd — G. Bannion 6, Adams 6, Bissinger 5, Hobson 6 — J. Nelson 6, Bell 7, Deans 6, M. Wild 5 — Athensych 6, House 4. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 Tifofari (C), 2 Sahinidis (C), 1 Bitsonis (C).

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Stirton 25th, 86th, Bruns 31st) BOX HILL 1 (McKinna 36th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prepszo 7 — Bingham 8, Bruns 7, Clarke 7, Tull 8 — T. van Baar 8, O'Callaghan 6, E. Cassar 7, A. Cassar 7 — Verechia 9, Stirton 8, Coach: Dave O'Connor.  
BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McPhee 5, Davidson 7, Hennessy 7, Hird 6 — Rams 6, Hughes 6, Burton 5, Roodhouse 5 (Gagie 75th), McKinna 8, Griffin 4, Coach: Keith Webster.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 Verechia (MF), 2 McKinna (BH), 1 T. van Baar (MF).

FAWKNER 1 (Flavell penalty 65th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: R. Wilson 8 — Schipano 7, Walsh 8, Ferla 7, Bordignon 7 — Nixon 8, Di Cocco 7, Flavell 8, Sabbatino 6 — Tuffield 6, Cozzella 6, Coach: Peter Boyle.  
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasmas 7 — Meyer 7, Bates 7, Corke 7, Verniers 8 — Thomson 7, Bakker 6, McKinley 7 — Mensink 6 (Presta 70th), Nijhof 7, Storm 6, Coach: Tom Kelly.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 Walsh (F), 2 Flavell (F), 1 Verniers (RW).

CROYDON 4 (Brogan 18th, 25th, 73rd, MacLean 65th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 4 (Colins 57th, 70th, Rastocic 80th, 88th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Blusby 7 — Brown 7, Tansey 6, Beech 7 — McDonald 7 (mj), Marshall H.T. 7, MacLean 8, Tait 7, Livingstone 8 — Cooper 7, French 7, Brogan 9, Coach: Peter Ollerion.  
ST. ALBANS DINAMO: M. Gryic 4 — Kustura 6, Brkicic 8, Krajacic 9, Ramljak 6 — Rastocic 7, M. Wilson 8, Kuzman 7, Culina 8 — Lloyd 7 (mj), Caran 55th, 6, Duzel (mj), colina 15th, 7, Coach: Tony Vrzina.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 Brogan (C), 2 Krajacic (St. Alb.), 1 MacLean (C).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 THOMASTOWN 3 (G. McMillan 57th, 78th, Higgins 89th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 6 — Macleod 5, Demovski 6, Kagioglou 5, Stefanidis 6 (Esposito 75th) — Palmieriotti 6, Farmer 7, Tuck 6, Hamill 6 — Smalman 7, McGuinness 6 (McCluskey 40th), 6, Coach: Jimmy Kondis.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 — Ramey 5, Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 6, Pinalito 7 — Carfera 7, Kerr 7, Di Martino 7, Coyle 7 — G. McMillan 8, Higgins 8, Coach: Mike Lynn.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 G. McMillan (T), 2 Higgins (T), 1 Cosentino (T).

POLONIA 3 (Warszawski 36th, Wycislik penalty 70th, 81st) MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 0 at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Dachs 6 — Smolarek 8, Kotzarnichalski 7, Drinoczky 8, A. Zapanik 6 — Bennett 7, R. Nelson 7 (Troglitic 85th), P. Czapanik 7, Wycislik 7 — Marshall 7, Warszawski 7 (Kadicke 79th), Coach: Miran Bleiberg.

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kiss 8 — Szabo 5, S. Wild 6 (sent off 60th), Bird 7, Edmondson 6 (Zambazas 50th), 6 — Sutherland 6 (sent off 60th), Morrey 7, Reynolds 7 — Belletsky 5 (Roberts 75th), Mills 5, Theodosopoulos 6, Coach: Ian McCarthy.  
Best three for Ametco award: 3 Kiss (MH), 2 Smolarek (P), 1 Drinoczky (P).

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15 — Theodosopoulos (Melbourne)  
13 — Walsh (Fawkner), M. Wilson (Dinamo)  
12 — O'Callaghan (Morwell)  
11 — French (Croydon), Cozzella (Fawkner), Corke (Wilhelmina), Pinalito (Thomastown).

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## JOHN MICHELOUDAKIS SENT OFF, CANONS FIRE



• John Micheloudakis

There were surprises all round at the Group A finals played at Donvale, as the teams that showed top form throughout the season did not win the all-important games.

The first game was between Canons and Riviera. As mentioned in articles in previous weeks, the man to watch when ever Canons play is Spiro Alatsas, and the game with Riviera was no exception.  
Alatsas put away nine goals for his team, the only scorer for Canons on the night.  
The game was full of action

as Riviera, which had fallen down in form in past weeks, was ready to fight hard for the right to play in the final, but Riviera had a problem which was to cost it the game.  
Its usual keeper was not playing as he had injured himself playing outdoor soccer.  
Riviera played a tough game with Frank Tkalec scoring

two goals and Rashid one, but the brilliance of Alatsas sent Riviera packing.  
The defence for Canons, with Steve Musci and Tom Sallpas in top form, kept the blues away.  
Canons really are firing. Riviera now is out of the finals and this week Canons play the popular Smooth Operators.

The semi-final between Kaiser Chiefs and Smooth Operators was a fascinating game.

Smooth operators have played the whole season with only five players and, according to the rules, a player can not play in the finals unless he has played three games during the season. Not planning to lose any players during the season, Smooth Operators entered the finals with only four players, as one of their team had measles.

The team still was allowed to play as the minimum number of players required is four, but 10 minutes before the end of the second half, Smooth Operator John Micheloudakis accumulated his fifth foul and had to leave the field.

This left them with three players, and the game ended

with a win for the Kaiser Chiefs.

It was a tense affair. The first half ended with a 2-1 lead to the Chiefs with goals from Avgerinos and Tallia, while Micheloudakis was the Operators' scorer.

Fouls began to build up in the second half as anxiety was the name of the game. The Chiefs put another two goals away before the Operators began their assault and goals were scored by Micheloudakis, Boin and Bisetto. The pace was at fever pitch but this was the breaking point for the Operators who had built up one too many fouls.

The Chiefs now enter the final awaiting their victim. Will it be the Canons or Smooth Operators? We'll have to wait and see.

## Six goals for Thalassinos

The opening game of the new season at Thomastown was between Manchester Excited and the Gladiators and Manchester Excited proved too strong for the Gladiators who, to their credit, fought right to the end.

The final score was 10-0 with six goals scored by Man-of-the-match George Thalassinos. Celts and Wanderers entertained the crowd in an evenly contested first half with a lot of end-to-end play. With the score 3-1 at half time

in the Celts' favor, it still was anyone's game. Celts finally overpowered the tenacious Wanderers with some great teamwork and Celts' captain, John Metaxas, helped himself to a staggering tally of seven goals. Ivan Mura-

dor scored two goals for Wanderers.

The new team in the competition, Brilliant Barbars, and Shamrocks, playing in only their second match, showed they have the quality to adapt to indoor soccer.

Trakov showed some silky skills for Brilliant Barbars and Beleginos was a constant worry to the Shamrock defence. The Shamrocks again gave 100 per cent, with John Keogh standing out.

The final score was 5-1 in favor of Brilliant Barbars but the match was much more evenly contested than the score indicates.

The Furious Five had to come back from a 0-1 deficit at half time against a determined Internationale to run away with the match in the end, winning 5-1.

Furious Fives' Les Stitidis produced a hat-trick while Nick Staikos hit home the only goal for Inter.

The Gippstars and Marazico concluded the first round of league matches with Marazico winning 6-4.

Gippstars trailed 6-0 with 10 minutes to go and their goal keeper seemed disillusioned with the whole affair.

His team then came home with a thundering run but just failed to win. Michael Kyriakopoulos scored three goals for the Gippstars while Fabrizio Cora scored five for Marazico.

## Contos, Poropat join Ethnic Utd., Mainenti stars for White Peles

### Ethnic Utd 3 Peperoncini 2

This was the first win in Group B of the Donvale League this season for Ethnic United which has in the past to field a team but now has two new recruits in Michael Contos and goalie Dean Poropat.

Peperoncini was all fired up for a great display having acquired a new Juventus strip, but unfortunately the power of Juventus of Turin was not there.

Neither team had any outstanding players although Heeps and Contos for Ethnic put in a very good performance.

Peperoncini made a number of changes throughout the game in order to hit on the right combination but lacked punch up front.

It was 2-2 at half time and although many chances were made by the Ethnic team, it only could manage a one-goal victory.

### Master Blaster. Azzurri 3

Peppos for the Blasters played well to clinch the points and although he only got one goal he contributed to others.

At half time scores were locked at 2-2 and the game was up for grabs. But the Master Blaster side came out with more determination and its two goals to Azzurri's one gave it the game.

Nick Arborea for Azzurri put in a fine display but there was not sufficient back-up in his team to help it get its first win.

### Sweathogs 4 Raiders 2

Sweathogs and Raiders are fairly well matched and their performances this night proved that.

Although victory went to Sweathogs, Raiders played well but missed a number of goalscoring opportunities.

It was obvious that Sweathogs were trying a little too hard

at times as they built up a number of fouls which could have caused them problems.

A couple of players emerged as men to watch in future games.

## Olympic triumphs

The last of the senior and youth practice matches were held at the Preston Centre two weeks ago before the league started last Friday.

The Youth section opened up with a low scoring affair between Makedonia and Olympic. Olympic took the honors on the night with a 3-1 victory. Chris Archimandritus stood out for Olympic whereas Makedonia changed its entire team at half-time to give every player a run.

Athens Strikers and Gladstone Raiders put on an entertaining match with the Strikers winning 7-3. Strikers star Con Speros was in the thick of things all night scoring five goals and also accumulating five fouls. The whole of the Raiders team showed enthusiasm with two goals scored by Carlo Renna.

The first is young Katiforis for Raiders whose skill has captured the attention of many spectators and the other is Perry Kofos, an excellent team player for Sweathogs.

Zaggers defeated United Nations 4-2 in a very exciting game. United Nations captain Tosevski had a very good game while Hagen for the Zaggers put away three lovely goals.

For one of them, Hagen rounded three opponents before hammering the ball home. It may have been a coincidence but he was wearing Diego Maradona's famous number.

The Grasshoppers - Nationals game became a one-sided affair after half time with Grasshoppers winning 10-1. Grasshoppers introduced three new players in Aki Kotzamalichis, Frank Manno and Michael Kyriakopoulos and on his performance showed that they will be one of the major forces in the competition. The Nationals frightened the life out of their opponents for a brief moment as they scored the first goal, but as the final score indicates, Grasshoppers were not frightened for long.

## PLAYER PROFILE



NAME: John Metaxas.

BORN: 24/2/66.

OCCUPATION: Bank clerk.

CAR: Bluebird TRX.

CURRENT TEAMS: Heidelberg United (outdoor), Celts and Melbourne Eliminators (indoor)

HOBBIES: Disco music, indoor/outdoor soccer, shooting, going to the beach and all sports.

REP HONOURS: Victoria U15, U16 and youths.

BEST MOMENT: Winning the 1985 Buffalo Cup with Heidelberg 5-1.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: Jimmy Rooney, Tim White and my father.

BEST SHOWS: Dallas.

FAV ACTOR: Sylvester Stallone.

FAV SPORTSPERSON: Boris Becker, Carl Lewis.

FAV PLAYER: Diego Maradona, who is an inspiration to watch.

SUPERSTITIONS: Never shave before a game. Keep to a regular routine before a game.

## Doncaster v. Doncaster

In the Schoolboys League at Donvale, Doncaster A and Doncaster B were matched against each other with the winner clinching top spot.

The game was very exciting and was won by Doncaster B by a solitary goal. Every player tried his hardest and maybe a draw would have been a better result.

Composite won again and showed that it still was a team to reckon with and is making a strong challenge for the Grand Final. It seems to have found a great goalscoring partnership in Sam Wong and Steven Ottaviano.

Marcellin Jr still is on the bottom of the ladder but was

very unlucky to lose 4-2 to Templestowe High School, after leading 2-0 at half time.

Donvale High School consolidated fourth place on the ladder by defeating Marcellin Sr in a thrilling game. However Marcellin Sr can be proud of its performance as it only had four players.

Results: Templestowe H.S. — Marcellin Jr 4-2; Donvale H.S. — Marcellin S.S. 4-3; Composite — Donvale H.S. 8-2; Doncaster H.S. — Doncaster H.S. A 5-4.

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# Tortevski to face Sutherland



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

This weekend's round most probably will see the biggest number of drawn games than in any of the previous 17 rounds. Kuringai is at home to Melita and could be the first match of many in which the points are shared.

Kuringai is yet to lose at home and if any team is capable of winning there then Melita is the one but I am still confident that Kuringai can hold onto a point.

Ray Farrugia and Wayne Farnsworth are in exceptional form as is Andrew Callanan and Kenny Wilson for Melita. At the other end, Kuringai will have Watson, Bertram, Goldsworthy, Nile and Bass firing on all cylinders. It should be a tough encounter with Melita holding the edge.

Avala welcomes Uruguayan at Knights Park hoping to turn the corner and start a

good finishing run. Uruguayan has problems it hopes to overcome against Avala — a lack of goals.

It will be an uphill battle for the under-strength forward line of Uruguayan against a not so solid Avala defence, and the solid Avala forward line against this very tough Uruguayan defence. Players such as Filipovic, Radak or Blazic could win it for Avala, while Cuba, Hastie and Perdomo could do the same for Uruguayan. One point each suits nobody, but it looks the most likely scoreline.

Polonia will have its work cut out against Manly at Chipping Park and must look towards an improved defensive display if it's to take a point from the league leader. It is difficult to see anything but a narrow victory to Manly, however a draw would not surprise.

Rockdale Ilinden started its great run 11 rounds ago against Sutherland and is expected to repeat the dose this weekend against Sutherland. On paper the sides are evenly

matched but I feel that with the return of Tortevski from suspension and the Nastevski-Nastovski combination going strong, things might just get a little too hot for Terry and Burrows at the back.

Craig Burroughs is expected to have more to do than Berry with Rockdale Ilinden favoured to gain both points.

Freshwater is in for a tough afternoon against Wollongong Macedonia. After losing Giannone and Walker, the side from Narrabeen has lost much of its appeal. Its feeble front line will try hard but with little success against the likes of Muhlbauer, Talevski and Ruskin.

Fairy Meadow should crack the ice against Penrith at Corral Memorial Park and collect the points. There are just too many good players at Meadow for the side to continue to lose. Berringer, Marjanovic, Kerr, Kirwan and Baker all are fine players and with the home ground advantage they should subdue Jamieson, Cross and Co. from Cook Park.

## Manly, Ku-Ring-Gai zero in on title

Manly Warringah defeated Rockdale Ilinden at Cromer Park last weekend to give this northern suburbs side the best chance it ever has had of taking out the minor premiership in NSW. A goal in each half was enough for the Sea Eagles to see their most difficult opponent brushed aside in the race for the title.

Against all odds, yet another northern suburban side — Ku-Ring-Gai — is in with a chance of taking the title. Only one point behind the leaders but with a difficult run home, Kuringai still is a side to fear. Its draw against Macedonia at Berkeley proved Kuringai's fighting qualities.

Melita Eagles brushed past Avala and still are serious challengers for the title. Their form against Avala was devastating and with an ounce of luck the scoreline could have been much bigger.

For Sutherland and Wollongong Macedonia it is going to be an uphill battle and at this stage Macedonia would be happy to take one of the top four spots after dropping a point at home to Kuringai, Sutherland, with its never-say-die attitude still hopes for better things after its emphatic 3-1 win over Penrith.

### Eagles too good

Ray Farrugia and Wayne Farnsworth each scored a goal to help Melita subdue Avala at Melita Stadium. A Farrugia volley after 19 minutes was unstoppable to give Melita the edge during the first period with a number of opportunities being wasted by the home side.

Melita made a great one-handed save from Vince in the 6th, then in came John Foxman with a miss from right in front in the 10th. Callanan's through ball for McFadden in the 32nd saw the Scotsman facing the Avala keeper. He pushed it wide for Farnsworth who saw his shot rebound off the head of Divani in the 33rd.

Another scorching drive by Farrugia was saved by Thurlow in the 63rd then a Farnsworth drive hit the side netting in the 73rd. Four minutes later, Farnsworth beat four players before finding McFadden, who was beaten but yet again it was cleared off the line.

With two minutes left, Melita made sure of the points after Callanan found Farnsworth on the edge of the area and the

speedy Melita striker slotted his left footer wide of Thurlow.

### Freakish goal

Polonia took the points from Uruguayan at Mona Park after a freakish shot by Henjek Sobczyk surprised Carlos Rosano. With 10 minutes remaining and well outside the box, Sobczyk curled one over Rosano and just inside the far post from an acute angle to give Polonia the points.

To add insult to injury, Uruguayan, the side that led through Fraser Cuba after five minutes, was pegged back only a minute later by a Slesian Janic goal. Then came two incredible saves by Anderson, one of them close to the end.

### Rockdale stumbles

At Cromer Park it was business as usual for the locals as they despatched high flying Rockdale Ilinden with goals from Jimmy Campbell and Don Allan.

The game was played at a cracking pace and both sides felt that one point would not be enough to assure success in the race for the premiership. Ilinden sadly missed star player Viado Tortevski and the longer the game went the more apparent it became that Zlatko Nastevski was not going to do well without Tortevski's help.

Jimmy Campbell made it even more difficult in the 19th minute when he chipped into a cross to score following a attack by Gary Van Egmond. Paul Marshall intercepted in the 65th before finding McIntosh with space to burn. A shot by McIntosh was partly parried by Berry but only to the feet of Don Allan who made no mistake from close range.

Led by great running from Vince Nastovski, Ilinden attacked with venom in the last 20 minutes but to no avail as Dick, Dean and Catlin stood tall to deny the visitors.

### Craig Hill

Sutherland collected both points at Cook Park with Craig Hill, yet another local product, making a name for himself. He scored both goals in Sutherland's 2-1 victory over Uruguayan on July 13 and on this occasion his goal in 65th minute sealed victory for the visitors.

Lady Luck was with Sutherland at the start of this match as the referee penalised Penrith for what looked like an offence outside the area. Scott

Hughes scored from the resultant penalty to make it 1-0.

Penrith equalised through Ian Shaw in the 52nd. McLeod got up to nod a cross from Micky Cross to the feet of Ian Shaw and Burroughs were beaten.

Sutherland came back through Terry to level the score again, then young Hill struck to seal it and Sutherland edged closer to the top of the table.

### Early lead

Wollongong Macedonia, the surprise packet of this year's State League competition, led after only 50 seconds at Berkeley Sports Ground against Kuringai, but failed to press home the advantage and in the end had to be satisfied with one point.

The home side led after Barney King headed in a cross from John Bingham.

Then came an unexpected setback for the home side. With its home ground advantage and parochial support, Macedonia should have attacked Kuringai hoping to im-

prove its goalkeeping record. However, the home team sat on its slender lead until the 78th minute when a Nigel Groomer free kick was neatly headed under the crossbar at the near post by Neale Williamson.

Macedonia came out of its shell and attacked in the closing stages but it was too late. Anthony Wellbourne once again was an inspiration for the home team, while Leigh Watson was Kuringai's most impressive performer.

### Meadow slips

Fairy Meadow is finding its rhythm at long last. It is all a little too late, but it is comforting to know that Fairy Meadow had enough character to come back after the beating it took over the last 10 rounds.

In fact, Meadow led after 42 minutes largely due to a superb pass by Peter Marjanovic which found Paul Kirwan facing the keeper. Kirwan used his chance well.

Then came a long period of even play with both sides missing some good chances before Freshwater struck.

Krajinovic could not do much about Alex Bottalico's header in the 78th minute and scores were even.



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## Air Malta player of the year award

### Leading votegetters:

- 22. Farrugia (ME)
- 16. Brett Woods (U)
- 17. Anthony Wellbourne (WM)
- 16. Vlado Tortevski (RI)
- 15. Zlatko Nastevski (RI)
- 14. Zoran Filipovic (A)

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

### Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MANLY WARRINGAH	8	7	2	21	9	23
KU-RING-GAI	7	8	2	20	11	22
MELITA EAGLES	7	7	3	28	11	21
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	8	4	5	18	14	20
Sutherland	8	4	5	30	18	20
Woll. Macedonia	6	8	3	12	8	20
Polonia	5	6	6	21	26	16
Uruguayan	3	9	5	12	17	15
Freshwater	6	3	8	26	31	15
Avala	5	4	8	16	26	14
Penrith City	5	2	10	21	38	12
Fairy Meadow	2	2	13	14	30	6

**MELITA EAGLES 2 (Farrugia 19th, Farnsworth 88th) AVALA 0 at Melita Stadium.**

MELITA: Pupovac 7, McCoy 7 (Cabassi 76th), Wilson 8, Gregson 7, Williams 8, Callanan 8, Farrugia 8, Farnsworth 9, McFadden 7, Foxman 7, Dalton 6.

AVALA: Thurlow 7, Blackburn 7, Brown 6, Pena 7, Divani 6, Steven 7, Marino 5 (78th Strelja), Jeffery 6, Radak 6, Filipovic 6, Brakevic 5 (46th Kodor 6).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Farnsworth, 2. Farrugia, 1. Callanan.

**URUGUAYAN 1 (Cuba 5th) POLONIA 2 (Janic 6th, Sobczyk 80th) at Mona Park.**

URUGUAYAN: Rosano 6, O'Donnell 7, Woods 7, Piriz 8, Tomasich 8, Mosquero 7, Hastie 8, Genc 8, Perdomo 7, Cuba 5 (Van Heide 75th), Vecchiotti 6.

POLONIA: Anderson 8, Chou 7, Robertson 8, Kulwicki 7, Pratt 7, Drys 5 (Pop 60th) Sobczyk 8, Parker 7 (75th Colluso), Geeke 6, Janic 7, Lucchesi 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Robertson (P), 2. Tomasich (U), 1. Anderson.

**MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Campbell 19th, Allan 65th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Cromer Park.**

MANLY: Catlin 8, Dennis 7, Dick 8, Dean 8, Robin 7, Van Egmond 7, Marshall 7, Campbell 8, Stuart 7, Allan 7, (85th Davison), McIntosh 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Berry 6, Rodas 6, Pilovsky 6, D. Wilson 7, G. Wilson 7, Grebevis 7, Jones 8, Nastovski 8, Nastevski 7 (51st Deney 6), Genovese 7, Ristevski 7 (45th Darlington — 8).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Campbell, 2. Nastovski, 1. Catlin.

**PENRITH CITY 1 (Shaw 52nd) SUTHERLAND 3 (Hughes pen 15th, Terry 57th, Hill 65th) at Cook Park.**

PENRITH: Blow 6, Hutton 7, Campbell 8, Hebb 7, Shaw 7, Jamieson 6, Thompson 7, Giamby 7, Cross 6, McLeod 6, Grey 5 (Martinez 70th).

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 8, Prasons 7, Burrows 8, Terry 7, Cashman 7, Harrington 7, (Sharpe 75th), Meades 7, Johnstone 7, Lerdahl 8, Hill 7, Hughes 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Burrows, 2. Campbell, 1. Burroughs.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 1 (King 1st) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Williamson 76th) at Berkeley.**

MACEDONIA: G. Robinson 6, Muhlbauer 8, Talevski 7, Sweeney 7, Ruskin 7, Wellbourne 9, Sattin 6, Bingham 7, Giraldi 7, King 6, Robinson 7.

KURING-GAI: Lacey 8, Kevern 7, Bertram 7, Watson 8, Goldsworthy 6, Groomer 7, Sutherland 6, Quigley 6, Williamson 7, Nile 6, Bass 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Wellbourne, 2. Watson, 1. Lacey.

**FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Kirwan 42nd) FRESHWATER 1 (A. Bottalico 78th) at Corral Memorial Park.**

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajinovic 7, Cario 6 (Douglass 57th — 6), Berringer 8, Marjanovic 8, Burleigh 6, Maguire 7, Dummett 7, Mizeo 6, Kerr 7, Baker 7 (80th Reyes), Kirwan 7.

FRESHWATER: Smith 7, Watt 7, Sterry 6, J. Botalico 7, Cassachia 6 (59th Duckling 7), Tkachuk 7, Berry 7, Driene 6, Corrigan 7, Burke 7, A. Bottalico 8.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Berringer, 2. Marjanovic, 1. A. Bottalico.

**Second Grade: Melita Eagles — Avala 3-0, Uruguayan — Polonia 3-2, Manly — Ilinden 5-1, Penrith — Sutherland 4-1, Wollongong Macedonia — Kuringai 6-2, Fairy Meadow — Freshwater 2-3.**

**Third Grade: Melita Eagles — Avala 2-0, Uruguayan — Polonia 3-0, Manly — Rockdale Ilinden 0-0, Penrith City — Sutherland 0-2, Wollongong Macedonia — Kuringai 0-0, Fairy Meadow — Freshwater 1-3.**

PENRITH CITY	4	5	38	26	MELITA EAGLES	10	5	2	48	10	21		
KU-RING-GAI	8	3	6	29	24	19	24	ROCKDALE ILINDEN	9	4	4	48	21
Sutherland	8	3	6	21	19	19	24	Avala	10	2	5	29	22
Fairy Meadow	8	2	7	33	24	18	24	Manly Warringah	8	3	6	26	19
Uruguayan	5	6	6	33	31	17	24	Uruguayan	6	3	2	26	19
Manly Warringah	5	6	6	26	22	16	24	Macedonia	5	3	9	20	30
Avala	7	1	9	23	25	15	24	Kuringai	4	2	11	21	32
Macedonia	5	3	9	33	39	13	24	Polonia	3	4	18	17	33
Ilinden	2	1	12	28	62	9	24	Freshwater	2	3	12	18	62
Polonia	2	13	16	53	6	6	24	Fairy Meadow	1	1	15	12	92

## 2nd & 3rd Divisions

Gladesville was beaten by Nth Bankstown, Kingsford scraped in against Blacktown and Yugal thrashed Canterbury to put the "dark blues" on top of the Second Division table for the first time this year.

Results of round 17: Canterbury — Yugal 1-4, Kingsford — Blacktown 1-0, Lebanon — Dee Why 2-0, Artarmon — Blacktown 0-2, Kingsford — Queens Park 0-2, Gladesville — Nth Bankstown 0-2.

2nd Division Table													
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
YUGAL	12	2	3	40	19	26	BLACKTOWN	12	2	3	34	14	26
KINGSFORD	12	2	3	32	14	26	MT DRUITT	11	3	3	39	14	25
GLADESVILLE	11	3	3	39	14	25	NTH BANK	9	2	6	26	16	20
Dee Why	7	4	6	12	19	18	Black Utd	6	5	6	16	14	17
Bathurst	5	5	7	18	15	15	Lebanon	5	5	7	17	24	15

Campbelltown	4	6	7	20	20	24
Artarmon	3	6	8	14	28	12
Queens Park	2	1	14	10	45	5
Canterbury	2	1	14	10	45	5

Third Division results: Campbelltown Gunners — West Utd 1-4, Mt. Drunit — Granville Chile 2-4, Nth Ryde — Moorebank 1-0, Bondi Marine — Uni of NSW 4-1, King Tomislav — Rooty Hill 0-8, Port Hacking — Baulkham Hills 2-8.

3rd Division Table													
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GRANVILLE	11	6	0	38	17	28	BONDI	9	6	2	30	17	24
BONDI	9	6	2	30	17	24	ROOBY HILL	8	7	2	32	12	23
ROOBY HILL	8	7	2	32	12	23	CAMPBELLTOWN	8	3	6	25	14	19
CAMPBELLTOWN	8	3	6	25	14	19	West United	8	3	5	22	19	18
West United	8	3	5	22	19	18	Nth Ryde	9	1	7	22	24	18
Nth Ryde	9	1	7	22	24	18	MT Drunit	7	3	7	19	19	17
MT Drunit	7	3	7	19	19	17	Port Hacking	5	4	8	22	24	14
Port Hacking	5	4	8	22	24	14	Baulkham	4	4	9	25	34	12
Baulkham	4	4	9	25	34	12	Moorebank	5	2	10	16	25	11
Moorebank	5	2	10	16	25	11	Uni of NSW	4	3	10	25	34	11
Uni of NSW	4	3	10	25	34	11	King Tomislav	1	2	13	12	51	4
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##### STATE LEAGUE, Sunday 3.8.86

KU-RING-GAI — MELITA EAGLES, Parklands  
 AVALA — URUGUAYAN, Knights Park  
 POLONIA — MANLY WARRINGAH, Chopin Park  
 SUTHERLAND — ROCK ILINDEN, Seymour Shaw  
 FRESHWATER — WOLL. MACEDONIA, Narrabeen Sports Centre  
 FAIRY MEADOW — PENRITH CITY, Corral Memorial Park

##### DIVISION II, Sat. 2.8.86

CANTERBURY — QUEENS PARK, Blick Oval  
 GLADESVILLE — ARTARMON, Pioneer Park

Sun, 3.8.86

YUGAL — KINGSFORD, Blick Oval  
 BLACKTOWN UTD — LEBANON, Francis Park  
 DEE WHY — BATHURST, Dee Why Oval  
 NTH BANKSTOWN — CAMPBELLTOWN C. Potts Park

##### DIVISION III, Sat. 2.8.86

WEST UNITED — MT DRUITT, Harold Read Reserve  
 GRANVILLE CHILE — NORTH RYDE RSL, Garside Park

Sun, 3.8.86

ROOBY HILL — CAMPBELLTOWN, Cawarra Park  
 MOOREBANK — BONDI MARINE, Hammondville  
 BAULKHAM HILLS — KING TOMISLAV, Ted Horwood Reserve  
 PORT HACKING — UNI OF NSW

##### STATE LEAGUE, Sunday, 10.8.86

MELITA EAGLES — WARRINGAH FRESHWATER, Melita Stadium  
 URUGUAYAN — KU-RING-GAI, Mona Park  
 MANLY WARRINGAH — AVALA, Cromer Park  
 SUTHERLAND — POLONIA, Seymour Shaw Park  
 PENRITH CITY — ROCK ILINDEN, Cook Park  
 FAIRY MEADOW



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ΛΕΝ ΜΑΚΕΝΤΡΥ: Ο ΠΡΩΤΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΠΡΩΚΩΝ

Ο ΛΕΝ ΜΑΚΕΝΤΡΥ άρχισε πάλι να δείχνει την αξία του και στην 16η αγωνιστική κατάφερε να βάλει στην 1η θέση την περυσινή πρωταθλήτρια Γουβέρντους Μελβούρνης, βάζοντας συγχρόνως και τα... γυναιλιά σ' αυτόν που προσπαθού με κάθε τρόπο να μειώσουν το ονομά του.

Η Γουβέρντους του Μακέντρυ σήμερα έχει την καλύτερη επίθεση με 29 τέρματα και την καλύτερη άμυνα με 9 γκολ.

Η 1η θέση και οι αριθμοί μιλάνε μόνοι τους.

Αυτός είναι ο Μακέντρυ ο πάντα πετυχημένος τεχνικός και ο μοναδικός που χάρισε στην Ελλάδα Μελβούρνης τον τίτλο της πρωταθλήτριας Αυστραλίας.

DOCKERTY CUP

ΟΙ ΑΓΩΝΕΣ του Β' γύρου του Ντόκερτυ Κάπ θα γίνουν στις 20 και 21 Σεπτεμβρίου.

Ο ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ κληρώθηκε με το Σάμπουρν και ο νικήτης του αγώνα θα αντιμετωπίσει στις 25 Σεπτεμβρίου την ΤΣΑΣΤ.

ΑΕΝ ΕΠΑΙΣΕ ΤΟ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ (CHIFTON)

ΑΚΑΤΑΛΛΗΛΟ βρήκε το γήπεδο του Φ.Γκλάιλν ο ρεφερέ Μ.Σ.ΒΕΑΖΛΕΥ και δεν έγινε η συνάντηση Φ.ΓΚΑΛΛΥ — ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ.

Πράγματι το γήπεδο ήταν τελείως ακατάλληλο για αγώνα και ο αυτό συμφώνησαν και οι δύο αντίπαλοι μαζί με τον ρεφερέ Έτσι η ελληνική μας ομάδα είναι τώρα στην 3η θέση με 23 βαθμούς, έναντι 24 (Ροσάνα) της δεύτερης αλλά με ένα αγώνα λιγότερο που θα παιχθεί στο τέλος της σεζόν.

## JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

### "PLAVI" SE UMRILI PRE VREMENA

Vec nekoliko nedelja JUST igra bez sredine i na sreću osvajava bodove. Očekivalo se da će kriza biti uklonjena protiv zabavnog Brisbane City-a, ali ona je na to utakmici dostigla vrhunac. Navala nije uspjela da iskoristi idealne sante, au drugom poluvremenu popustilo je glavno oružje "plavih" — kondicija.

Sekularac je zamenio dva igrača, koji su najviše razočarani, što je ispravno kada bi imao dostojne zamene. Mladi Sasa Brčić je talentovan, ali suviše neiskusni za ovakve prilike. U redu je da uđe u igru kada JUST vodi sa nekoliko golova razlike, ali nikakao da spassava situaciju.

Nevolja je što sledeće nedelje gotovo svi klubovi imaju odmor osim JUST-a koji putuje u Adelaide dok igra protiv oslabljenog Adelaide Hellisa, koji daje dva igrača za reprezentaciju. Može da nerese rezultat protiv Brisbane Citya biti dobra škola, ali može i da

demoralise sve igrače. Mnogo zavisi od trenera. Sekularac je i do sad znao da izvuče igrače iz krize pa ce to uspeti i ovog puta. Njegov autoritet mora da ostane nepokrenjen, što zavisi od njega, ako želi da JUST ostvari najavljeni podvig.

Sekularac ce imati jedan adut vise u rukama kada bude uveo u igru vladu Bozinovskog, jer je njegovo odsvetno prmetno. Proste nedelje nije igrao iako je bio na klupi, jer Sekularac nije htio da riskira da na jednom terenu ponovo povredi jednog izcedenu ranu.

Posle je JUST prepustio prvo mesto Juventusu, ali samo zbog slabije golrazlike, videćemo da li je lakše nekome gledati u pete ili osecati njegov dah za leđima.

U 16. kolu bila su još dva iznenađenja. Ugodno iznenađenje je pobeđa Melbourne Croatia nad Adelaide Cityem u gostima sa 2:0, jer se smatralo da je ekipa Zorana Matića skoro nepobediva.

Drugo, neugodno iznenađenje je još jedan poraz Preston Makedoniji na svom igralistu,

ΕΚΛΗΞΗ ΤΟ ΜΟΥΡΑΜΠΛΗΝ (MOORABBIN CITY)

ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΟΠΟΡΟ Μορούμπλακ, χωρίς να θυμίζει τίποτα από τον καλό του εαυτό, παράδωκε μέσα στο Μουράμπλιν από την τοπική ομάδα 2-1.

Τον αγώνα διαιτείται με απόλυτη επιτυχία ο κ. J. SANTA ISABEL (IO).

ΘΑΥΜΑΣΙΟΣ Ο ΕΡΜΗΣ ΚΑΙ 2-0 (MORDIALLOC)

ΕΚΤΟΣ έδρας ο Ερμής συνεχίζοντας την καλή του πορεία κέρησε και το Ντάφτον 2-1 και ανεβαίνει σταθερά.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ήταν ανώτερη σε όλο το διάστημα του αγώνα, εκτός του 10/λεπτου 65'-75' που οι γηπεδούχοι προσπάθησαν για να ισοφαρίσουν χωρίς αποτέλεσμα.

Ο Ρετρέ με πέναλτυ άνοιξε το σκόρ στο 65' και στο 80' με κεφαλιά έκανε το 2-0 που ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Στο 25' ο Φιλίππης είχε δοκάρι. Ήπαιξαν οι: Παλατιόνης (ο νεαρός πορτιέρο ήταν θαυμάσιος) Ροβύτ, Ζορζοβίλης, Λαζβίγκας, Αναστασιάδης, Κονκάνβες, Γκρήνγουντ, Φιλίππης, Τζόουνς, Ρετρέ, Ροτζέρο.

Ήττες από τον γκολκίπερ ξεχώρισαν οι Λαζβίγκας, Κονκάνβες ενώ ο Γκρήνγουντ ήταν ο καλύτερος του αγώνα.

Η Β' ομάδα έφερε ισοπαλία 2-2.

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Ο Έλληνας ρεφερέ κράτησε θαυμάσια το ελληνικό ταλάνιό ντέρμπυ χωρίς να συμβεί το παραμικρό.

Σε ό,τι σημειώνουμε ότι στον Α' γύρο οι άνθρωποι του Μπάτμαν δεν ήταν και τόσο ήσυχοι.

Η ομάδα του Χρήστου Πισιμπίση σταθηκε περήφανα μέσα στον αγωνιστικό χώρο και οι παίκτες του ήξεραν τι ζητούσαν.

Στο 30' οι γηπεδούχοι άνοιξαν το σκόρ αλλά ο Τομάζος στο 35' και στο 43' έβαλε το Σπρινκβαίλ μπροστά.

Το Μπάτμαν που στάθηκε τυχερό κατάφερε να ισοφαρίσει στο 84' και να κλέψει το τελικό 2-2.

Ήπαιξαν οι: Τσαμουρτζής, Ρεντούλης, Μετ, Τσεκούρας, Κωνσταντίνου, Αργυρόπουλος, Λεονάρδος, Ξυμανουήλδης, Πατάμης, Καταρδός και Τομάζος.

Χωρίς να υστερήσει κανένας ξεχώρισαν οι Ξυμανουήλδης, Τομάζος, Κωνσταντίνου.

ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ: ΚΕΡΑΙΖΕ 2-0, ΕΚΛΕΞΕ 3-2 (MALVERN)

ΜΕΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΑΣ ΚΑΙ Χ. ΠΑΠΑΔΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ ΣΤΟ 4'

ΚΑΙ ΤΟ 49' ΕΒΑΛΑΝ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΜΠΡΟΣΤΑ ΣΕ

ΕΝΑ ΑΓΩΝΑ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΣΦΗΡΟΤΥΠΟ ΠΟΥ ΔΕΝ ΧΑΝΟΝΤΑΙ

ΜΕ ΤΙΠΟΤΑ.

Ένα τέρμα όμως που δέχθηκε η ελληνική

μας δίδα στο 75' στάθηκε μοιραίο γιατί

ο αντίπαλος μείωσε σε 2-1 και λίγο με

τά ο ρεφερέ με ανυπακοή πένολτ έδω

σε την ευκαιρία να κλέψουν το 2-2.

Ένα λεπτό προ της λήξης το Μάλβερν Σί-

ντ δέχθηκε και τρίτο τέρμα που του στοί

χισε την ήττα.

Με την ομάδα του Νίκου Νικολάου ήπαιξαν

οι: Μακέν, Νίκου, Κριστιάνδης, Καβαλάκης, Α-

λίζι, Γιαννάκης, Κυριαζόπουλος, Ρέλλος, Πέ-

τροπούλος (80' Καταμπούνας) Χ. Παπαδόπου-

λος, Τριανταφυλλίδης.

Η Β' ομάδα κέρησε 3-1 με γκολ των Γουγού

λν 2 και Τ. Παπαδόπουλου.

U subotu 2. avgusta "Plavi" je najmlađi igrač Dejan Velickovic, koji je proslavio 17. rođendan. Pored tog gola sa 30 metara ispod prečke, nije imao sreću da se upiše u strelce u 90. minutu, kada je sa 25 metara pogodio prečku.

U ovoj sezoni Zvezda je razila sve partnere, jer je prvi put pobedila stare rivala Mladost i Warrantu.

Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic, Zoran Roksandic, Branko Stankovic, Ivan Karic, Borislav Belakovski, Dragan Milenkovic, Stevan Mecavin, Miodrag Velickovic (Dejan Velickovic od 46. minuta), Bora Andjelkovic (Zarko Vuckovic od 75. minuta), Goran Simic.

Najbolji igraci Sasa Milenkovic, Bora Andjelkovic i Dragan Milenkovic.

Sastav Warrantine: Sandor Kovacs, Charlie Nagydai, Tony Mamoussi, Joe Hegedus, Steve Babinski, Lajos Banagy, Ronald Henkul, Andrew Hatvani, Frank Horvat, Petar Pervaz (Charlie Pilek od 60. min), Steve Henkul.

Najbolji za Warrantu Joe Hegedus, Petar Pervaz i Frank Horvat.

I Warrantine je smenila trenera Joe East Prestona, koji je obavljao taj posao i na ovom utakmici, jer novi trener Roman Petelinick nije magao doći zbog posta.

U subotu 2. avgusta Zvezda je gost East Prestona, dok Warrantine docekuje na imanju Hungaria Centra Malvern City.

"VOJVODINA" I "BOSNA" IZVUKLI PO JEDAN BOD

GLENNROY — RICHMOND BOSNA 1:1 (0:1). Strelac za Bosnu Sehad Husic, dok je Glennroy izjednacilo iz jedanaesterca.

ALTONA VOJVODINA — MEADOW PARK 2:2 (0:1). Strelci za Altonu Joe Vonnja i Adam Miller.

U subotu 2. avgusta Richmond je gost East Prestona, dok Warrantine docekuje na imanju Hungaria Centra Malvern City.

U subotu 2. avgusta Mladost je gost Seaford Uniteda, a Pascoe Vale Pelister igra takode u gostima protiv Geelong Uniteda.

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sults 4:0, Clayton City 1 Albion 4,

2:3, Western Suburbs 0 Thomasdon 3,

Fawkner 1 Ringwood City 0, 2:0, Mor-

well Falcons 3 Box Hill 1, 3:3, Maribyr-

nong 3 Melbourne 1.

VIC ONE

Richmond 0 Oakleigh 4, 1:5, Develon

0 SM Maribyrnong 2, 2:2, Morningside

Sunbury Utd 6, 0:3, Doncaster Rovers

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lions Gate 0, Knox City 1 Albion Rovers

1, 2:1.

VIC TWO

Keilor 2 Moreland-Pk Rgs 1, 3:1, Wa-

verley City 4 Nth Geelong 1, Royal Rich-

mond 1 Ringwood United 1, Eltham 2

Sandringham 0, 9:1 Hamlyn Rangers 3

Alions Gate 0, Essendon City 0 Danden-

ong City 0, 1:5.

VIC THREE

Preston 1 Rosanna 2, Celio 4 Spring-

vale Utd 1, 2:1, Geelong 1 Yarraville 0,

1:5, Coburg 1 Yallaura 3, Port Mel-

bourne 3 Bell Park 1, 2:2, Moorabbin

City 2 Moorabbin City 1.

VIC FOUR

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East Brunswick 0 Loder United 1, Kar-

nall Utd 1 Beronia 3, 4:4,



# SCOREBOARD

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# **KNOCK OUT COMPETITION**

## **WIN \$1000 CASH**

### **& TROPHIES**

### **YOU EVEN GET A DOUBLE CHANCE**

Clubs and groups welcomed. You do not have to be registered. For information ring Dean Poropat on 480 3963. All games will be played midweek nights, so clubs why not use this as training, give your muddy ground a rest and win \$1000. All entries must be in by 8/8/86.

### **INDOOR SOCCER KNOCK OUT COMPETITION PLAYING INTERNATIONAL RULES**

1. The competition will offer a double chance to all teams.
2. Teams will play their selected team twice and scores will be added together, the team with the better score will continue on to the next round, until the end of the competition.
3. Teams do not have to be registered to play in this competition.
4. Personal fouls will not apply, but a blue card can be shown by the referee which will indicate that the player must leave the field, but he may be subbed and may play the next game.
5. Cost of the competition will be \$50 per team. No other game fees will be required, irrespective of how long you remain in the competition.
6. To enter the competition which will be played in August and during mid-week, please return the slip below with the game fee.

**NAME OF TEAM** .....

**NAME OF PLAYERS**

1.  
2.  
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Contact Person ..... Contact Phone ..... Game Fee .....

**Send fee and slip to N.L. Melbourne Indoor Soccer  
740 High St Thornbury 3071**

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